Course Syllabus

Course Information
Contact hours: 60
C9: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14:30-16:00
C10: Tuesdays and Thursdays 16:00-17:30
Second semester 2017

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Course Description
The objective of the course is for students to consolidate their competence and knowledge of Spanish and acquire other grammatical knowledge that reinforces their linguistic performance.

Course Requirements
Students must meet the requirement of 75% attendance in order to maintain good standing. The attendance control system is electronic and the student must swipe his/her card during the class’s regular schedule. The instructor will also monitor and maintain a record of attendance, as attendance is considered in the final assessment. Tardiness (arriving more than ten minutes late) or leaving before the end of the class, will be considered half an absence. In the case of an absence, it is the student’s responsibility to contact their peers or teacher to get the assignment and complete those tasks assigned for the next class. It is up to the individual teacher whether to accept late work (missing the previous class does not justify not completing the assigned task).

Students are expected to participate actively in class and make one or more oral presentations, whose subject and date will be agreed upon with the teacher, and which must be accompanied by a written text.

During the semester, students will have homework assignments and assignments for each class, which will be assessed as detailed below. It is up to the individual teacher whether to accept late work (missing the previous class does not justify not completing the assigned task). Any delay in turning in assignments will negatively affect one’s grade, and assignments will not be accepted two days after the original due date.

Grading Policy

<p>| Participation and attendance | 15% |
| Short essays/papers/homework | 20% |</p>
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<td><strong>Oral presentations</strong></td>
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For a better understanding of the system of grade equivalency and transfer to the European or North American systems, consult the comparative table in the Orientation kit (p.9).

**Academic Calendar**

**Week 1**
- Introduction to the course. Characteristics of Rio de la Plata Spanish. Level check.
- Talk about tastes and preferences. Express agreement and disagreement.
- Describe qualities and states of people and things. Avoid repetitions.
- Culinary Trends in Buenos Aires.

**Week 2**

**Week 3**
- Formal and informal imperative. Position of objective and reflective pronouns with imperative verbs.
- Talk about actions completed in the past. Review of simple past (preterit). Placing events in the past.
- Good manners.

**Week 4**

**Week 5**
- Describing in the past. Talking about habitual actions in the past. Making comparisons. Comparative structures. Uses of prepositions *a, con, contra, de, desde, en, entre, hacia, hasta, según, sin* and *sobre*. Traditional and contemporary childhood customs.

**Week 6**
Week 7  Thursday, September 21st: Holiday– Class will be made up Friday, Sept. 15.
Narrating and describing in the past. Expressing logical and temporal relationships between events. Contrasting the preterit and the imperfect. Logical connectors.
Pluperfect. Temporal connectors. Uses of prepositions por and para.

Review of adjectives and indefinite pronouns.
Anecdotes

Week 8  Review.
Thursday, September 28th: Midterm exam.

Week 9  Expressing desires and emotions. Present subjunctive. Men and women –

Week 10  Expressing emotion and opinion. Present subjunctive.
Immigrants.
Oral presentations.


Uses of the future.
Technological and social advances.

Week 13  Expressing conditions. Making courteous requests. Talking about imaginary situations.
Real conditional phrases.
Simple conditional. Present indicative and conditional for ordering.
Living without technology.
Oral presentations.

Week 14  Review for the final exam.

Week 15  Tuesday, November 7th: Final written exam
Thursday, November 9th: Final oral exam and distribution of results.

Students with a tourist visa will not be able to sit for the final exam; they must regularize their immigration status on the 17th floor before taking the exam.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Suggested Course Materials
AA.VV.; Gramática básica del estudiante de español, Barcelona, Difusión, 2005.