(SPAN 220) ADVANCED SPANISH A
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Course Syllabus

Course Information
Contact hours: 60
C10: Tuesdays and Thursdays 16:00-17:30
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Course Description
The objective of the course is for students to reach a general competence with the Spanish language in a variety of communicative contexts that will allow them to develop satisfactorily in their academic and social life.

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.

Students are expected to participate actively in class and to make an oral presentation that must be accompanied by a written text (the topic and the date of the presentation will be agreed with the teacher during the course; presentations will begin after the midterm). During the semester, students will have homework assignments and assignments for each class, which will be assessed as detailed below. 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. Missing the previous class does not justify not completing the assigned task.

Grading Policy

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<td>Participation and attendance</td>
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<td>Short essays/papers/homework</td>
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<td>Oral presentation</td>
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<td>Midterm exam (written)</td>
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<td>Comprehensive final exam (written and oral)</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.


Week 8: Tuesday, September 19: Midterm exam (written) Thursday, September 21st: Student’s Day.


Week 13: Interviews and anecdotes. Temporal correlations with subordinated verbs in subjunctive mode.

Week 14: Analysis and group discussions on controversial topics. Temporal correlations and equivalences in the indicative and subjunctive. Review and consultations for the final exam.

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. Diarios (Clarín, La Nación, Página/12) Diccionario monolingüe de español.

Suggested web sites - Real Academia Española http://www.rae.es/
The site includes three monolingual dictionaries which can be consulted for free: Diccionario de la lengua española, Diccionario panhispánico de dudas y Diccionario esencial.

- WordReference http://www.wordreference.com/
Monolingual and bilingual dictionaries with usage examples and pronunciation models. Linguistic consultation forums for native speakers of different languages. Free application available for IOS and Android.

- Diccionario Clave http://clave.smdiccionarios.com/app.php
Monolingual dictionary with simple explanations, examples, hyphenation with accented syllable highlighted, etymology and syntax. Allows four types of search: “complete word”, “begins with…”, “contains…” y “ends In…”.

- Diccionario Clarín http://www.clarin.com/diccionario
Monolingual dictionary with usage examples. It contains numerous Argentine expressions, as well as expressions of Lunfardo (slang).

- Linguee http://www.linguee.com/
Bilingual dictionaries and translation finder. Includes corpus of authentic text translations (not automatically generated), to search for words and phrases in context.