

**Germanna Community College**  
**Course Outline for**  
**SPA 101 Beginning Spanish I**  
**(SPRING 2011)**

**SPA 101. Sec F03.**

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1. **Course Description.** This program is design to develop the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The emphasis of this first semester is conversational proficiency, and those structures used in frequently occurring language situations will be stressed. The fundamentals of grammar will be presented. You will be expected to participate orally in class and to interact meaningfully with your teacher and classmates in Spanish. Lecture 4:00 hours per week.
2. **Introduction.** This course is specifically intended for those students who have no previous experience with the Spanish language. It is the first course of four, which lead to fulfillment of the general education requirement for a major in Liberal Arts. In addition to acquiring skills in using Spanish, you will be gaining knowledge about how the Spanish language, and by comparison, the English language, are structured.
3. **Learning Objectives.**
  - A. To refine all phonemic usage of the Spanish language.
  - B. To encourage the practice of oral communication skills in Spanish.
  - C. To introduce Hispanic and Spanish-American culture through selected reading and classroom discussions.
  - D. To present basic grammatical structures of the Spanish language so that the students will be able to effectively communicate in spoken Spanish.
4. **Course Content.** Students will cover from Lección Preliminar through Lección 5 of the text. Textbook plays an important role in your learning and can be optimized by proper usage. Textbook presents material to be memorized and prepared by you as is shown in your syllabus. **Good preparation is the basis for success.** Specific homework is assigned to help to prepare or practice, but you should not limit yourself to completing assignments.
5. **Academic Evaluation.**

A. Class Participation	15 %
B. Quizzes and Homework	35 %
C. Midterm Exam	25 %
D. Final Exam	25 %

E. Clarification of grading procedures:

  1. 90 -100 = A; 80 -89 = B; 70 -79 = C; 60 - 69 = D; >60 = F
  2. Participation. Coming to class is not sufficient. Be prepared to answer and questioning other peers beside the teacher.
  3. Quizzes: students will take one quiz after finishing the chapter. They will add points toward their final grade. Homework means home work. You will work at home or outside class.

4. Midterm and Final. The midterm test will cover Lección Preliminar through 2. The final exam will focus on the last Lecciones but will be cumulative over material presented during the entire semester.
5. Final exam is oral and written; missing one of them is missing all of them. Only students with less than 70% achieved on the class will take the written exam
6. Extra Work will be discussed with the instructor before a grade be granted.
7. **In order to pass the entire semester the final exam should be at least a Passing Grade.**

6. **Required textbooks / Course materials:**

- A. *Mosaicos*. Fifth Edition (Prentice Hall)
- B. *Mosaicos*. Workbook, Fifth Edition (Prentice Hall)
- C. *MySpanishLab Code*. Comes inside the bundle.
- D. A **Good Dictionary**, Electronic translators are the best.
- E. A diskette or flash driver and Headphone with microphone.

7. **Attendance Standards:** Students will be expected to follow the attendance standards of Germanna Community College as published on page 35 of the Catalog and Student Handbook. As a rule, after the third attendance fault, each more will reduce the grade per a letter. Tardies are counted as attendance fault. Leaving the class before the time is also attendance fault. **Adequate attire is required. No food, no drinks, no pagers, no cellular phones (on) are allowed in class.**

8. **Make-up or Missed work.** There will be NO MAKE UP OF ANY WORK MISSED IN CLASS WITHOUT HAVING MADE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE INSTRUCTOR. Valid reasons for making up missed work are: being admitted to the hospital, severe illness, or death in the family. **Having to go to work is not a valid excuse.** Making up work in excused situations would be allowed, but only if the student notifies the instructor **prior** to the administration of the test. Compositions are due on the specific day, Final composition **must be** with the draft composition, No grade will be granted if missing **one of them.**

9. **Students With Disabilities.** Students who have disabilities should make an appointment with the instructor immediately so that arrangement may be made to facilitate student participation in all activities for the course, please contact also the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Counseling Center (Room 201).

10. **Academic Honesty.** GCC students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the completion and presentation of all academic assignments and examinations. Any student found guilty of cheating, plagiarism, or other dishonorable acts in academic work is subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary sanctions for acts of academic dishonesty shall be initiated by the faculty member and may include awarding a failing grade. Students may appeal an imposed sanction to the appropriate Dean of Student Services. See pages 136 and 139 on the Catalog and Student Handbook 2009 - 2011.

11. **Course Withdrawal Policy:** Withdrawal from a course without academic penalty may be made within the first 60% of the course. The student will receive a grade of "W" for withdrawal. After that time, the student will receive a grade of "F". In case of mitigating circumstances, which must be presented to the appropriate Dean of Instructional Services, the Dean may award a grade of "W" after the last withdrawal date. **The last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty for Spring 2011 is March 22nd.**

12. **Emails.** Students, faculty, and staff of Germanna Community College must use GCC email for all official College communications. This includes course related communications between students and faculty. If you need help accessing your student

email account please visit the ACC on either campus. ***If you have any question you can send me an email. I will answer it in the next 24 hours, except in week-ends.***

**Taking Spa 101 indicates the acceptance of the above warnings and rules**

**Schedule for SPA 101. Sec F03.**

**Spring 2011**

Enero	11	Introducción.
	13	Cap. Preliminar
	14	<b>Last day to add a class.</b>
	17	MLK. No class.
	18	Cap. Preliminar.
	20	Cap. Preliminar
	25	<b>Last day to drop w/ refund</b>
	27	Capítulo 1
Febrero	1	Capítulo 1
	3	Capítulo 1
	8	No class. Teachers conference.
	10	Capítulo 1. Quiz # 2.
	15	Capítulo 2. Composición # 1.(d)
	17	Capítulo 2.
	22	Capítulo 2. Composición # 1.(f)
	24	Capítulo 2.
Marzo	1	Capítulo 2. Revisión + <b>Skits</b>
	3	MIDTERM EXAN (Written)
	7 - 13	<b>Spring Break</b>
	15	Capítulo 3.
	17	Capítulo 3.
	22	Capítulo 3 <b>Last day to drop w/o penalty</b>
	24	Capítulo 3.
	29	Capítulo 3. Quiz # 3 + Composición # 2. (d)
	31	Capítulo 4.
Abril	5	Capítulo 4. Composición # 2. (f)
	7	Capítulo 4.
	12	Capítulo 4. Quiz # 4.
	14	<b>NO Class</b> / New Horizon Conference.
	19	Capítulo 5.
	21	Capítulo 5.
	26	Capítulo 5.
	28	Capítulo 5 Quiz # 5. .
Mayo	3	Presentación Oral
	<b>10</b>	<b>EXAMEN FINAL (8:00 – 10:30 AM)</b>

**Note: Dates indicated in the syllabus are subject to change. It is the student's responsibility to be prepared for the class with the specific material.**