



**Faculty of Arts**  
**School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures**

SPAN 201-03  
BEGINNERS' SPANISH I  
Spring 2018

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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**DESCRIPTION**

A comprehensive course for students with no prior knowledge of the language. Emphasis on listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural awareness. Introduction to basic research skills in language learning. This course, measured as an integrated performance in speaking, listening, reading and writing, is intended to familiarize you with the structure of the Spanish language, and expose you to different Hispanic cultures, increasing your awareness of the Spanish-speaking world.

**Objectives**

Outcomes in language courses are usually measured in terms of five basic skills:

**Listening:** You will understand, at least partially, audio and video material such as that which accompanies the textbook. However, in a simple face-to-face conversation, misunderstanding of both the main ideas and details can still arise on a fairly regular basis.

**Speaking:** You will be able to ask and answer simple questions using a very limited vocabulary concerning immediate surroundings; you are able to introduce yourself and talk about likes and dislikes, express plans and obligations and talk about everyday activities. However, you are not able to engage effectively in prolonged interactions with native speakers.

**Reading:** You will be able to understand the main ideas in simple authentic material (brochures, advertisement, schedules, and short newspaper articles) and to extract information from them by applying some reading strategies (identifying cognates, scanning, dealing with unfamiliar words, predicting, and activating background knowledge).

**Writing:** You will be able to write simple texts, such as e-mails, complete sentences and short paragraphs descriptions, to give information about yourself and to describe and narrate events grounded in personal experience.

**Culture:** You are able to understand some of the significant differences between Hispanic cultures and your own culture, in terms of behavior, attitudes, and values. You have an awareness of language as an essential element of culture.

**Prerequisites**

This course is not open to students with credit in Spanish 30 or equivalent.



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**DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES**

Tests (2 = 25% + 25%): 50%  
Compositions (2 = 10% + 10%): 20%  
Assessment of oral activities: 20%  
Participation: 10%

**There will be a final written exam**

**GRADING SCALE**

A+ = 100-96 A = 95-91 A- = 90-86 B+ = 85-81 B = 80-76 B- = 75-71  
C+ = 70-67 C = 66-62 C- = 61-58 D+ = 57-54 D = 53-50 F = 49%

The official grading system (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1) will be applied for the calculation of the final mark.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Caycedo Garner, Rush, Domínguez. U of C Custom Edition of *iClaro que sí!* for Span 201 w/iLrn bundled In. Nelson Education, 2014.  
ISBN-13: 978-0-17-656729-3  
ISBN-10: 0-17-656729-1

**RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND MATERIALS**

Collins Spanish Dictionary. Spanish/English. English/Spanish.  
Wordreference: <http://www.wordreference.com/es/>  
Spinelly, Emily. *English Grammar for Students of Spanish*. 5th. ed. The Olivia & Hill Press. ISBN-13: 978-0934034333 ISBN-10: 0934034338.

**COURSE NOTES**

1. The calendar and other information about this course posted on Desire to Learn is not binding and can change according to the needs of the class.
2. To derive the utmost benefit from instruction, daily attendance is essential. Failure to attend will adversely affect your overall performance and will have a negative impact on your final grade.
3. Depending on their abilities, students are expected to spend an average of 2 hours in outside preparation for each class period.
4. Students are encouraged to communicate consistently in the target language, and attend the Centro de Tertulia (CHD 303) to practice.

**Late assignments and missed tests policy :**

Attendance to all exams is compulsory. A student who is absent from a test for legitimate reasons must discuss an alternative course of action with the instructor within a week'. The Instructor may request a Physician's/Counselor's statement form to confirm an absence for health reasons.

Do not make travel arrangements for the dates when exams are scheduled. Missed tests, assignments and examinations with no legitimate reason will be awarded a grade of F.

5% of the grade will be deducted for each day a written assignment is late if there is no Physician's/Counselor's statement to justify the absence or the failure to complete it.



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#### **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

1. **Plagiarism** is a serious offence, the penalty for which is an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. Plagiarism exists when:

- a) the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);
- b) parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;
- c) the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source, and/or
- d) a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted."

Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

2. **Cheating** at tests or examinations includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct such as speaking to other candidates or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever; bringing into the examination room any textbook, notebook, memorandum, other written material or mechanical or electronic device not authorized by the examiner; writing an examination or part of it, or consulting any person or materials outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so, or leaving answer papers exposed to view, or persistent attempts to read other students' examination papers.

3. **Other academic misconduct** includes, but is not limited to, tampering or attempts to tamper with examination scripts, class work, grades and/or class records; failure to abide by directions by an instructor regarding the individuality of work handed in; the acquisition, attempted acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of examination materials or information not authorized by the instructor; the impersonation of another student in an examination or other class assignment; the falsification or fabrication of clinical or laboratory reports; the non-authorized tape recording of lectures.

4. Any student who voluntarily and consciously aids another student in the commission of one of these offences is also guilty of academic misconduct.

#### **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

The student accommodation policy can be found at: [ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy](http://ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy).

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities [ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy](http://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy).

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

#### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINTS**

Craigie Hall: Professional Faculties food court (alternate: Education Block food court)

Education Block and Tower: Scurfield Hall atrium (alternate: Professional Faculties food court)

Kinesiology: north courtyard, MacEwan Student Centre (alternate: University Theatres lobby)

For the complete list of assembly points please consult

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

#### **FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES**

Have a question, but not sure where to start?

The Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts.

The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance they may require.



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In addition to housing the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs) and the Associate Dean (Teaching, Learning & Student Engagement), the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- Program advising
- Co-op Education Program
- Arts and Science Honours Academy
- Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403-220-3580

Email: [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca)

Website: [arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate](http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate).

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Block.

Contacts for the Students' Union Representative for the Faculty of Arts: [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca).

#### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT**

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it.

Please see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy> for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

#### **INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

#### **SAFEWALK**

To request a Safewalk escort anywhere on campus, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, please call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help Phones.

Web: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

#### **STUDENT UNION INFORMATION**

Representatives and contact details: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/home/contact.html>

Student Ombudsman: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html>

#### **WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**

Writing skills should cross all disciplines. Students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office (<http://www.efwr.ucalgary.ca/>) can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.