
**SPANISH 2110-800, FALL 09
MODIFIED COURSE
SYLLABUS**

GENERAL INFORMATION

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MATERIALS

There is no textbook you must purchase for this modified 2110 class. The materials you will be using, which include handouts, worksheets, activities and homework assignments, have been created by your instructor and will be provided by her.

Though dictionaries can be useful supplementary purchases for students enrolled in foreign language courses, you are discouraged from buying one. Your instructor will provide you with comprehensive vocabulary lists for each chapter which contain the most important words and phrases you should know.

You are required to purchase a three ring binder which is at least 1.5 inches thick at the spine, and a small package of loose leaf lined paper with three holes. Please make these purchases as soon as possible.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Spanish 2110 is the terminal course in the introductory sequence. The modified section of Students will continue to practice the four language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing, and they will be exposed to increasingly advanced grammatical structures and vocabulary. Spanish 2110 is designed for students who have difficulty learning a foreign language, and it will be taught using methods recommended for students with such difficulty. As with the previous two courses in this modified sequence, material will be introduced selectively, with more time than in the traditional Spanish courses to practice the material. Unlike the previous two semesters, classtime is very limited. **As we only meet twice per week, much of the burden of memorization and practice shifts to you. In addition to completing the homework assignments which will be given for each class period, set aside extra time for working with new vocabulary and grammar.**

It is best to schedule your classes so that you have some free time immediately after this class. Students are always given as much time as they need to complete exams, but they cannot interrupt a test for another class or meeting and then come back to it.

TUTORING

The completed year of Spanish study allows the instructor to assess *consistent* proficiency in the language and the *consistent* ability to work independently and still achieve high marks, and it allows her to project whether continued, weekly tutoring support is necessary. Those students whose final exam grade and final course grade from 1020 average to be in the A range (90-100) will

not be required to schedule a tutoring appointment, though they may choose to do so if they wish. Those students whose final exam grade and final course grade from 1020 average to be in the B or C range or lower will have to set a weekly tutoring session. Check with your instructor if you are unsure whether you will receive a tutoring waiver or requirement.

The tutoring requirements and waivers may change throughout the course of the semester based on student performance and progress. Scores will be closely monitored, especially exam grades, and independent study and work habits will be observed, in order to ascertain whether weekly tutoring is needed. A tutoring requirement may be reinstated if grades begin to falter into the B range and lower; conversely, a waiver may be issued if grades improve to the A range and stabilize.

For those students who must do tutoring, a half-hour weekly appointment with the assigned tutor will be set in the first few weeks of the semester, and that appointment will be honored throughout the duration of the semester. A few students whose 1020 final exams revealed profound difficulties may be required to schedule an hour long appointment. Please note that tutoring appointments are not interchangeable—unless given express permission by your tutor due to exceptional circumstances, do not swap appointments with a classmate, or, under any circumstances, attend a tutoring session which is not your own.

The tutoring appointments are mandatory and absences and tardies will be recorded and counted when calculating your attendance grade, so be sure to attend all tutoring sessions and to arrive on time. Whether you can make up missed tutoring time from an absence or a tardy is in the sole discretion of your tutor. Contact your tutor as soon as possible to advise him or her that you will not attend, or that you will arrive late, and request a makeup session. Any make-up tutoring sessions must take place in the same week as the lost time was incurred, by 4:00 p.m. Friday afternoon—no exceptions.

During tutoring time, you may work on a variety of things:

- Preparation for quizzes or written or oral exams.
- Preparation for charlas and preguntas.
- Basic conversation on common topics we cover in class.
- Pronunciation of vocabulary words and key expressions.

However, homework is largely off limits during tutoring sessions. Relying on your tutor to do your homework with you is counter productive to your learning of the material. The tutor may clarify instructions on a homework assignment if you are unsure of how to proceed, do one or two examples with you and/or review already completed homework, but doing the homework is your responsibility and must be done on your own time. If you show up to your tutoring session with nothing with which to work but homework, your tutor will usually have other practice exercises and activities ready which have been provided by your instructor.

BINDER REQUIREMENT

As there is no textbook for this class, you will receive many papers each week and, in a sense, build your own book from the various handouts you are given. It is important that you organize your papers in an efficient manner so your 'textbook' will be a user-friendly resource where you can find information quickly and easily. Though you will accumulate fewer papers than you did in the first and second semesters, you will still receive a substantial amount, so please buy a binder that is at least 1.5 inches thick at the spine. The instructor will check your binder periodically throughout the semester; see the course calendar for dates. You must have your binder on those dates, or you will receive a zero; binders will not be accepted late, unless you have

an appropriately documented excused absence for the day in question. Each binder inspection grade will be worth five homework assignments and will be incorporated into your homework grade for the semester.

Though there are different organizational strategies, one stands out as being particularly effective—a thematic organizational scheme. It is required that you divide your binder into the sections which appear in the bulleted list below. If you choose to structure your binder in an alternative fashion, visit your instructor in office hours to explain your organizational format and why it is effective for you, or else be aware that your grade will be compromised, perhaps even severely. "Material" is defined as any handouts, notes, worksheets, in-class activities and homework assignments related to the topic in question. This "Material" should be mostly arranged in the order in which it is received (not handed back to you, as happens often with homework). You may wish to get into the habit of logging the current date, and even time, of each paper you receive, so later you will know for sure where things belong.

- *Administrative.* The syllabus and course calendar, jail card rules, weekly agendas, weekly self-evaluations and any informational handouts on class policy or procedure.
- *Present tense.* Material reviewing the present tense.
- *Preterite and imperfect.* Material reviewing preterite/imperfect.
- *Lección 1.* Material relating to presiones vocabulary and formal commands.
- *Lección 2.* Material relating to relaciones vocabulary and the subjunctive, according to topic: conjugation, influence, emotion, doubt or denial, antecedents and expressions.
- *Lección 3.* Material relating to naturaleza vocabulary and past participle.
- *Lección 4.* Material relating to coches vocabulary and present perfect.
- *Lección 5.* Material relating to la vida real vocabulary and future tense.
- *Exams.* All memory tests, pre-exams and exams; and pre-quizzes and quizzes.
- *Oral.* All charla handouts and notes; oral exam information, practice and grade.
- *Journal.* Your journal pages and any handouts with journal writing topics.

GRADING SCALE

A	94-100	B	84-87	C	74-77	D	64-67
A-	90-93	B-	80-83	C-	70-73	D-	60-63
B+	88-89	C+	78-79	D+	68-69	F	0-59

GRADE COMPOSITION

Homework: 10%	Mid-terms: 20%	Journal: 10%	Participation: 10%
Quizzes: 10%	Final Exam: 20%	Attendance: 10%	Oral: 10%

HOMEWORK GRADE COMPONENT (10%)

Homework must be completed on your own; do not work with classmates or tutors to complete your homework. Copying from a classmate's homework, or relying heavily on a tutor's input to complete assignments, will greatly detract from your learning experience and will cripple you on independent measures such as journal entries, quizzes and exams. In contrast, doing the assignment on your own will put your skills and knowledge to the test and show you areas of weakness in which to improve before you are formally held accountable for the material.

Homework will be assigned for almost every class. A weekly *agenda semanal* will tell you what is assigned, and it is your responsibility to consult the agenda regularly, for homework may or may not be announced during class. Now and again, usually at the end of class, an assignment on the

agenda may be deleted, postponed or modified, or a new assignment may be added. You will be held fully accountable for these modifications, so be sure to copy down any changes on your own copy of the week's schedule. If you miss class, do not rely entirely on the agenda for a homework summary—check with a classmate to see if any revisions were made in class.

A lenient homework policy might encourage students to fall behind on daily assignments, and with class meeting only twice per week, such habits can quickly lead to devastating consequences. Therefore, homework is due at the start of class on the day assigned and will not be accepted late, not even for partial credit or no-credit with instructor's corrections, unless you have an appropriately documented excused absence for the day in question.

Homework is typically graded on completeness only. In the modified Spanish classes, homework is largely viewed as practice and preparation for charlas, journal entries, quizzes and exams, and mistakes will always be corrected but hardly ever counted against your score. Due to the fact that your instructor creates your homework assignments, you will not encounter any questions or problems which you are not equipped to answer, so it is expected that you complete fully all the work assigned, or risk the loss of points.

With web work, the program has automatic feedback and grading mechanisms, so you always know if your answers are right or wrong, and you always receive an overall score upon completion of the exercise. A score of 75% or higher secures you full credit for the assignment—100%, while grades of 74% and lower will not earn you any credit. If you score below 75%, you should re-do the exercise, using the feedback and corrections you were given. Detailed instructions about the completion and submission of this technologically-based homework will be posted on CU Learn, Course Content, Technology.

Another form of homework is the reading of a handout, an informational sheet which describes in some detail a grammatical principle to be practiced in the next class. It is far better do the assigned reading at home, where the text is in English, the concept is explained thoroughly, and you can re-read as many times as necessary. If you skip the reading and wait until class, your instructor may not review the information at all, she may go over just a few points, and she may use Spanish instead of English during the discussion. Though it is clearly not advisable to skip readings, experience has shown that some students will do so if they are not held accountable for the information, and so the unannounced pop quiz was introduced.

The pop quiz does not have specific questions; rather, it prompts you to recall whatever details you may have retained. This way, you do not have to fully understand the material to ace a pop quiz. Pop quizzes are worth one homework assignment and are graded based on the amount and accuracy of information you write down. Pop quizzes are not returned to students, but you may visit your instructor in office hours to find out your grades.

Your instructor will offer extra credit homework assignments from time to time. You may complete them in their entirety, or fill out only a portion of the problems or questions. Generally, points will be issued on the basis of completion. You must complete any extra credit homework assignment by the established due date, or no points will be given for the work. The effort-based points earned through extra credit homework assignments are applied only to your homework total and can potentially boost your average up to, but not beyond, 100%. They may not be applied to any other grade component, such as the performance-based exams, where they would unfairly boost a grade that accurately reflects your knowledge and proficiency. No other form of extra credit is offered for this course.

The final grade for all homework will be based on an average of your homework assignment grades, including pop quizzes and extra credit assignments, for the entire semester.

QUIZ GRADE COMPONENT (10%)

Brief quizzes will take place most Tuesdays at the start of class. See the course calendar for dates of quizzes. On the previous Thursday, you will be assigned a pre-quiz identical in format to the quiz, so that you know exactly what will be tested, and how. The content will vary, so you will not be able to memorize responses, but you will have an opportunity to perform the same kinds of formulas or operations or to use similar vocabulary.

Pre-quizzes are collected as homework. To receive full credit for a pre-quiz, you must complete the quiz, and then, using the answer key and a different colored pen, pencil or marker, verify correct responses and fix any errors. The mandatory correction procedure was adopted in order to encourage you to work through your mistakes instead of repeat them on the actual quiz. In short, prequizzes are graded on confirmed accuracy, not merely completion, since you have access to an answer key.

If you arrive late to a quiz, you will be permitted to work only until the last of the students who arrived on time finishes his or her quiz, so be sure to come on time to all Tuesday classes. If you arrive after the quizzes have all been submitted, or if you miss class completely that day, you will receive a zero for the quiz, unless you have an appropriately documented excused tardy or absence for the day in question.

The final grade for quizzes will be based on an average of your performance on all the quizzes taken throughout the semester, without factoring in your lowest score.

MID-TERM GRADE COMPONENT (20%)

There will be two of these exams. See course calendar for dates. The exams are principally comprised of written exercises, but they may also include a listening comprehension part. As with the quizzes, you will be given a pre-exam a few days ahead of time, so that you may become familiar with the format of the exam and can practice the material to be tested. Such pre-exams receive homework points for completion, so be sure to complete them and bring them with you to class. You will have as much time as necessary to finish the exams; however, if your schedule does not permit you to continue to work on the exam past the end of the class period, it must be handed in regardless. A missed exam will result in a zero, unless you have an appropriately documented excused absence for the day in question.

FINAL EXAM GRADE COMPONENT (20%)

The final exam for modified Spanish 2110 usually emphasizes new material which has not yet been tested on an exam, namely, Lessons 3-5, but it is also comprehensive in nature, reviewing important vocabulary and grammar from previous material. The final exam will be primarily written, with a listening comprehension part. As with quizzes and mid-term exams, you will receive a pre final exam, virtually identical in format to the actual exam, so you can practice and prepare adequately for the official exam.

The final exam will take place Wednesday, December 16, 2009, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., location to be announced. If you have three exams on this day and this exam would be the third, or if you have another final exam scheduled at the same day and time, please contact your instructor as soon as possible, but no later than October 2, 2009, for alternative arrangements. You will be required to submit documentation which proves your qualification for an alternate final exam. A missed final exam will result in a zero, unless you have an appropriately documented excuse for not attending—see the attendance grade component for what constitutes an acceptable excuse and supporting evidence.

JOURNAL ENTRY GRADE COMPONENT (10%)

While compositions can be highly effective in traditional language classes, they present certain challenges within a modified language setting. One issue is that students often use dictionaries and other resources to compose their essays, as they struggle to express in Spanish what they would say in English, and they wind up misusing unfamiliar words and grammar instead of practicing the select things they do need to know. This tendency to consult various sources when writing also cripples students as they approach essay portions of exams, for they lack improvisational, independent writing skills. Another issue is that the typical composition assignment often spans several weeks, from the time the first draft is written to the due date for the revision, and a disparity grows between what is currently being practiced in class and the target grammar and vocabulary of the composition. This disparity can cause confusion, undoing the comprehension of old lessons and slowing the learning of new ones.

Although there are problems with compositions, practicing writing is still a priority. In modified Spanish, this priority is addressed through an ongoing journal. You are required to purchase a small package of loose leaf lined paper, paper with three holes in it so it will fit in your binder. This paper will be used for your journal entries throughout the semester. Your journal paper should be with you each day in class. As time permits and when appropriate, you will be asked to pull out a page of paper and write several sentences about a certain topic, reviewing certain vocabulary or grammar practiced during the previous class period(s). You will not use any books or materials as you write, and you will not be able to ask your classmates or instructor for help. It is to be a personal, unrehearsed writing exercise. You will submit the paper to your instructor when you are finished, and she will hold the papers until the next journal entry for the week, when they will be redistributed.

At the end of the week, the instructor will read over your entries for the full week. To determine your grades for each entry, your instructor will take into account grammar, vocabulary and content, and she will largely ignore spelling and accent mistakes. This is usually the same grading criteria used for compositions on exams. As not all students work with a tutor during the third semester, revisions of journal entries are not advisable, for most students need one-on-one instruction to discover and correct their mistakes. Therefore, the grade assigned by your instructor is the final grade which is documented in her records. Your final course grade for journal entries will be an average of the scores for all journal entries written during the semester.

If you arrive late and the class is at work on a journal entry, you will be permitted to write only until the last of the students who arrived on time finishes his or her entry, unless you have an appropriately documented excused tardy for the day in question. If you come so late that you miss a journal entry in its entirety, or if you are absent the day of a journal entry, you will receive a zero for that entry, unless you have an appropriately documented excused absence for the day in question. Since journal entries are rarely scheduled and announced in advance, it is important that you attend all classes and arrive on time.

ATTENDANCE GRADE COMPONENT (10%)

Some college courses deprioritize attendance and punctuality, and students may choose to skip class, to come late or to leave class, without facing any penalties. Usually, by obtaining notes from someone in class, students can catch up, understand and retain as much information as their peers and perform reasonably well on quizzes, exams or compositions. Foreign language classes are different, as oral interaction with instructors and classmates is a crucial component of language acquisition. Poring over notes or textbook pages at home will only capture a fraction of what could

have been learned in a live lesson. In a modified language class, regular attendance is even more important, for students have language learning difficulties and require face-to-face explanations and demonstrations of grammar, explicit instruction in pronunciation of new vocabulary, and, generally, extra practice time with the material. Any loss of class time usually produces short-term consequences such as low scores on upcoming quizzes, charlas or journal entries, and far reaching effects in the form of holes in comprehension and proficiency which hardly ever fully dissipate and in fact grow with the addition of new material.

Due to the potential dangers of missing class time, your instructor has adopted a fairly rigid and strict attendance policy. Your instructor's priority with the attendance policy is to have you come to class each day, but she understands that situations do arise which prevent attendance. For some of those situations, it is rather easy to procure documentation; for other situations, verifiable evidence is difficult or impossible to obtain. With this in mind, your instructor grants you an allotment of both excused and unexcused absences. Acceptable excused absences include illness, participation in a University athletic event and mandatory court appearances. In order to have a missed class classified as an excused absence, you must submit appropriate documentation as soon as possible and no later than seven days after the absence was incurred. A doctor's note must stipulate how many days of class for which to excuse you due to illness, paperwork from courts must clearly show the date and time of the hearing and letters from athletic offices must clearly mark the dates for which you will be unable to attend class. Emergency situations and family events such as parties, weddings and funerals cannot be officially documented from an objective third party and will not constitute excused absences.

For your excused absences, you should notify your instructor immediately via email or phone. You will have an extension until the next class period on any homework due, and any missed charlas, preguntas, journal entries, quizzes or exams can be made up as appropriate, either in class or in your instructor's office hours. For your unexcused absences, there is no obligation to contact your instructor in advance, but you are welcome to do so if you feel an explanation is in order. There will be no extensions or make-ups offered for unexcused absences.

Do recognize that a missed class is not an excuse for lack of preparation for the next class. No matter if your absence is excused or unexcused, a single day or multiple days; you must always contact a classmate to find out what happened in class in your absence and to request copies of any documents distributed or notes taken. Your instructor will not fulfill any requests via email or telephone for such information or materials, as her time is limited. However, you are encouraged to attend her office hours if you miss class, and she will gladly review any material with you and provide you with any documents you may require. If you cannot attend office hours, or office hours have already occurred or will occur too late, you must go through a classmate.

Clearly, absences represent the most detrimental form of missing class time, but arriving late, leaving momentarily or departing early can also have negative consequences for you and your classmates as well. Habitually arriving late to class, or habitually leaving class while it is still in session, undermines your learning experience and disrupts the flow of class for your classmates and instructor as well. Tardies could result in missed quizzes, journal entries, charlas or preguntas, or homework assignments, which are due immediately at the start of class. Tardies and brief departures could result in unheard important announcements, the division of the class into groups for a game or activity or an explanation of an assignment, activity or grammatical concept.

After arriving late or leaving class, students often interrupt class to ask questions of their classmates or instructor about what was missed, what was already submitted and what is going on at that moment. These interruptions are especially difficult for those students with attention deficit

disorders, who may never recover their concentration for the rest of the class period. Due to their adverse effects, tardies and departures will be documented and will affect your grade. However, if you arrive late to class because you have another class immediately preceding Spanish class which is far away on campus, you may visit your instructor in her office hours during the first few weeks of class to call up your schedule on PLUS and secure an excused tardy for the days in question. Similarly, if you have a special medical condition which may necessitate your leaving class, you should speak with your instructor in private at the start of the semester, and she will consider granting you excused departures from class. Documentation supporting your claim may be requested.

In order to develop a solid proficiency in the language, class time is important, and so is tutoring time, for those who have tutoring requirements. Tutoring sessions allow you to reinforce what you are learning in class, and they give you a valuable opportunity for one-on-one interaction with a teacher which is rarely presented in class. Therefore, attendance is mandatory, and skipped sessions will affect your grade.

You are allowed two of each of the following before the attendance portion of your final grade will be adversely affected: unexcused absences from class, excused absences from class, class tardies fewer than ten minutes, class departures fewer than five minutes, tutoring session absences, and tutoring session tardies fewer than five minutes. Note that the attendance portion of your weekly self-evaluation form, which partially compromises your participation grade and is discussed under the participation grade component, will be affected by any missed class or tutoring time except excused time, whether you are within or beyond the allotted number of absences, tardies or departures.

With each class absence beyond those permitted, 1 percentage point from your final grade will be deducted. With each class tardy or departure beyond those permitted, $\frac{1}{4}$ percentage point will be deducted from your final grade. Points deducted for class absences, tardies and departures will not exceed six percentage points for those with a tutoring requirement, and ten points for those with tutoring waivers. For each absence from your tutoring appointments beyond those permitted, $\frac{1}{2}$ percentage point will be deducted, and for each tardy beyond those permitted, $\frac{1}{4}$ percentage point will be deducted. These deductions for tutoring absences and tardies will not exceed four percentage points.

PARTICIPATION—GRADE COMPONENT (10%)

This will be based on the components of the Course Contract. In an effort to secure ideal learning conditions, students are expected to have a good attitude, be focused during class, use Spanish to the greatest extent possible, prepare thoroughly for class, participate actively during class and attend all classes and, where required, tutoring sessions, arrive on time and stay for the full duration.

PARTICIPATION—COURSE CONTRACT

Because students who enroll in the modified foreign language program generally have difficulty with language learning, the instructor has set special requirements to heighten the likelihood of success in the class. In order to foster and maintain a safe, supportive learning environment which is effective for every student in the class, it is imperative that students abide by the following rules. These expectations will be enforced consistently through the semester, and students will be graded on them each and every week through self-evaluations.

I, the student, hereby agree...

1. **ATTITUDE.** To try to have a great attitude in class, one which is positive, cooperative, constructive and respectful of others and displays genuine enthusiasm for learning and interest in the language.
2. **FOCUS.** To do my best to stay fully engaged and attentive during each class period, whether I am working alone or with the whole class, a large or small group or partner. To refrain from using such electronic devices as cell phones, BlackBerries, laptops, ipods or MP3 players. To refrain from interrupting class by bringing up class policy, grading systems or other administrative issues.
3. **SPANISH.** To strive continually to express questions, responses and comments in Spanish, and to avoid the use of English whenever possible. To be receptive to the instructor's use of Spanish, and my classmates use of Spanish—to welcome the Spanish language and to try to understand as much as I can.
4. **PREPARATION.** To come well prepared to class each day. To have checked the weekly agenda before each class in order to know what homework is due, whether readings or routine assignments, and to have completely finished that homework. To have obtained copies, notes or information from a classmate, or my instructor during office hours, if I missed the previous class.
5. **PARTICIPATION.** To participate actively on a regular basis. Active participation means answering questions, volunteering for tasks, asking questions, sharing relevant comments and contributing actively to partner or group work.
6. **ATTENDANCE.** To attend class every day, to arrive on time and to stay for the full duration. To attend all tutoring sessions, if I am required to do so, to arrive on time and to stay for the full duration.

In conclusion, I agree to do my best to abide by all of the conditions described above. If I persistently violate of one or more of the contract conditions, and if I do not make any efforts to correct those behaviors, I recognize that my eligibility to participate in Modified Foreign Language Program classes may be jeopardized.

PARTICIPATION—SAMPLE SELF-EVALUATION FORM

At the end of each Thursday class, you will receive a clean copy of the form to follow. Using the general grading scale, you will assign yourself a grade for each of the categories of the Course Contract.

The instructor will collect your form, review it and make changes as necessary. She will then crunch the numbers. Each category carries a weight which is marked in parentheses on the form. By multiplying each score by its weight, and adding them all together, your instructor will arrive at your final score for the week. She will record your Spanish grade and your overall average and then return the form to you. If you have questions or concerns about any changes she made to your form, you may see her in office hours to discuss the matter.

NAME: JOHN DOE SMITH

WEEK: 3

GRADING SCALE

50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100			
F		D-	D	D+	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
REALLY BAD		POOR			OK, acceptable			GOOD		GREAT			

ATTITUDE (x1)

50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
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FOCUS (x1)											
50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
SPANISH (x3)											
50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
PREPARATION (x2)											
50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
PARTICIPATION (x1)											
50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
ATTENDANCE (x2)											
50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
AVERAGE / FINAL SCORE (to be completed by instructor)											
50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	92	95	100

PARTICIPATION—SPANISH GRADING CRITERIA

To follow are detailed guidelines for how to determine what grade you deserve for Spanish on the weekly self-evaluations. To figure out your score, average your marks for the four categories below together. For instance, if you believe you earned a C- for General, an A for Mandatory, a B- for Voluntary and an A for Receptivity, your grade would roughly be a B.

For the *General* category, "During class time" applies to the entire class period, and it may include you talking with the instructor or with your fellow students. It applies to each and every word which comes out of your mouth during class time. It does not apply to time in the classroom before or after class, though you are encouraged to speak Spanish then as well!

"Mandatory Spanish" (MS) means using Spanish when you absolutely must, such as when you volunteer to answer a question which requires Spanish, for example, *María _____ (volver) a casa*. Your response, "*María vuelve a casa,*" is Spanish you must use. This also applies to games such as *Go Fish* and *Battleship*.

"Voluntary Spanish" (VS) means using improvisational Spanish to communicate with me or your classmates when you could use English instead. It could be asking a question in Spanish, such as "*¿Cómo se dice 'student' en español?*" It might be expressing something such as, "No comprendo." It can be as simple as "*gracias*" y "*sí.*" This also includes *charlas* and *preguntas*.

Receptivity involves being open to your instructor and classmates using Spanish. When someone else uses Spanish, you (1) stay focused and listen attentively, (2) are motivated to understand what is being said and will use cues (such as gestures, images or examples on the board or transparency) to help you figure out meaning, (3) try to avoid asking for translations in English and (4) generally project an eagerness to learn the language.

GENERAL

- A RANGE. You basically speak only in Spanish during class time.
- B RANGE. You speak substantially more Spanish than English, but you do use some English.
- C RANGE. You speak a mix of Spanish and English, about half and half.
- D RANGE. You speak substantially more English than Spanish.
- F RANGE. You speak in English all the time, with no or very little Spanish.

MANDATORY SPANISH (MS)

- A RANGE. You volunteer often during each class, so you use a lot of MS.

- B RANGE. You volunteer several times during each class, so you use substantial MS.
- C RANGE. You volunteer a couple times during each class, so you use some MS.
- D RANGE. You volunteer once per class, so you use a little MS.
- F RANGE. You never volunteer during class, so you use no MS.

VOLUNTARY SPANISH (VS)

- A RANGE. You use lots of VS, not just isolated words, but complete ideas.
- B RANGE. You use a good deal of VS, mostly isolated words, but a few complete ideas too.
- C RANGE. You use some VS, mostly just isolated words.
- D RANGE. You use a little VS, mostly just isolated words.
- F RANGE. You do not use any VS, not even things such as "gracias" and "sí."

RECEPTIVITY

- A RANGE. You are very receptive to Spanish at all times.
- B RANGE. You are mostly receptive to Spanish.
- C RANGE. You are somewhat receptive to Spanish.
- D RANGE. You are a little receptive to Spanish.
- F RANGE. You are not receptive to Spanish at all.

ORAL GRADE COMPONENT (10%)

Your oral grade is made up of three components, weighted equally: the average of three oral exams, the average of Spanish grades on your weekly self-evaluations and the average of charla and pregunta grades.

The three oral exams will take place during class; see course calendar for dates. Oral exams generally test students on a set of situations, such as meeting and greeting someone new or discussing your family or classes. A description of the situations, along with a set of Spanish questions you will be asked for each, English translations of the questions and sample responses, will be provided as the exam date approaches. For the exam, one or two situations will be randomly chosen for you to do, one-on-one, with your instructor. For each situation, you will generally be graded on grammar, vocabulary, speed/flow, pronunciation and communication. A missed oral exam will result in a zero, unless you have an appropriately documented excused absence for the day in question.

The grade you receive for Spanish on the self-evaluations is determined by how much Spanish you use in class. Your Spanish grade is an average of your general use of Spanish during the week in question (percentage Spanish vs. English at all times during class); mandatory Spanish (Spanish you use when you volunteer during class); voluntary Spanish (improvisational communication in the language) and receptivity (your attitude toward the language, your projected desire to learn and use it). See the previous section for more detail.

Finally, charlas are very brief presentations in Spanish in front of the class. They must last at least a minute and relate to the topic assigned. With each presentation, several students in class will be responsible for asking questions to get more information. Charlas will be explained in more detail in the coming weeks, and a schedule will be distributed for each charla so you know when you will present, and when you will be made to ask a question. For the moment, you can check the course calendar to see when the charlas take place and what the general topic will be, and you can rest assured that your grade for charlas is mostly based on completion only.

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT POLICIES

1. **Reasonable Accommodation.** If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to the instructor a letter from Disability Services by the end of the third week of class so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Disability Services' letters for students with disabilities indicate legally mandated reasonable accommodations. For more information, you may contact Disability Services at (303) 492-8671 or Willard 322, or visit their website at <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/>

If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see guidelines at <http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices/go.cgi?select=temporary.html>

2. **Religious Observance.** Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. See full details at http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html

In this class, please provide your instructor with advance notification of at least seven days when religious observance will conflict with class or tutoring. Provided this notice is given, any classes missed due to religious observance will be considered excused and all the rules regarding excused absences will apply, and any missed tutoring session can be made up. Notices provided after the required seven day period may result in limited accommodations or no accommodation at all.

3. **Honor Code.** All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-735-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html/>

4. **Campus Classroom Behavior Policy.** Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Those who fail to adhere to behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. Your instructor will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise your instructor of this preference early in the semester so she can make appropriate changes to her records. See policies at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html> or http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#students_code

5. **Discrimination and Harassment.** The University of Colorado at Boulder policy on Discrimination and Harassment, the University of Colorado policy on Sexual Harassment and the University of Colorado policy on Amorous Relationships apply to all students, staff and faculty. Any student, staff or faculty member who believes he or she has been the subject of discrimination or harassment based upon race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-

2127 or the Office of Judicial Affairs at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH, the above-referenced policies and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding discrimination or harassment can be obtained at <http://www.colorado.edu/odh>

6. Final Exams. Final exams are to be taken on the day determined by the University and the Department of Spanish & Portuguese. No excuse, including, but not limited to, family meetings, employment or travel will grant an exception to this. However, if you have three or more final exams scheduled on the same day, you are entitled to arrange an alternative exam time for the last exam or exams scheduled on that day. To qualify for rescheduling final exam times, you must provide evidence that you have three or more exams on the same day, and arrangements must be made with your instructor no later than the end of the sixth week of the semester. For the complete final examination policy, please see http://www.colorado.edu/policies/final_exam.html

7. Use of Electronic Devices in the Classroom. No text messaging or emailing will be tolerated during class. Cell phones must be turned off or on silent and kept in your backpack or pocket during class. Using laptops during class is strictly forbidden, except in very rare circumstances which have been previously approved by the instructor. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a loss of all participation and attendance points for the day. In other words, that day will be counted as an unexcused absence.

2110 COURSE CALENDAR

<i>Week</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Class activities</i>
1	Aug 24–28	Review syllabus <i>Repaso, gramática:</i> Regular present tense
2	Aug 31–Sep 4	<u>CHARLA 1: ALL ABOUT ME</u> <i>Repaso, gramática:</i> Irregular present tense
3	Sep 7–11	<u>CHARLA 1: ALL ABOUT ME</u> T Prueba 1 , Present tense, regular and irregular <i>Repaso, gramática:</i> Preterite and imperfect conjugation
4	Sep 14–18	<u>CHARLA 1: ALL ABOUT ME</u> T Prueba 2 , Preterite and imperfect conjugation <i>Repaso, gramática:</i> Preterite and imperfect uses
5	Sep 21–25	T Examen Oral I R Examen I; Binder Inspection I
6	Sep 28–Oct 2	<i>Lección 1, vocabulario:</i> Las presiones de la vida estudiantil <i>Lección 1, gramática:</i> Formal commands F ***DEADLINE—Notification of Need for Alternate Final Exam***
7	Oct 5–9	<u>CHARLA 2: MY UNIVERSITY LIFE</u> T Prueba 3 , Lección 1 <i>Lección 2, gramática:</i> Subjunctive, conjugation <i>Lección 2, gramática y vocabulario:</i> Subjunctive, influence
8	Oct 12–16	<u>CHARLA 2: MY UNIVERSITY LIFE</u> T Prueba 4 , Lección 2 <i>Lección 2, gramática y vocabulario:</i> Subjunctive, emotion <i>Lección 2, gramática y vocabulario:</i> Subjunctive, doubt and denial
9	Oct 19–23	<u>CHARLA 2: MY UNIVERSITY LIFE</u> T Prueba 5 , Lección 2 <i>Lección 2, vocabulario:</i> Las relaciones sentimentales <i>Lección 2, gramática y vocabulario:</i> Subjunctive, antecedents and expressions
10	Oct 26–30	T Examen Oral II R Examen II; Binder Inspection II
11	Nov 2–6	<u>CHARLA 4: MY RELATIONSHIPS</u> <i>Lección 3, vocabulario:</i> La naturaleza y el medio ambiente <i>Lección 3, gramática:</i> Past participle
12	Nov 9–13	<u>CHARLA 4: MY RELATIONSHIPS</u> T Prueba 6 , Lección 3 <i>Lección 4, vocabulario:</i> Los coches <i>Lección 4, gramática:</i> Present perfect
13	Nov 16–20	<u>CHARLA 4: MY RELATIONSHIPS</u> T Prueba 7 , Lección 4 <i>Lección 5, vocabulario:</i> La vida real <i>Lección 5, gramática:</i> Future
14	Nov 23–27	Vacaciones de Otoño y Día de Acción de Gracias—no hay clase
15	Nov 30–Dec 4	T Prueba 8 , Lección 5 Review: Lessons 3-5 (mostly)
16	Dec 7–11	T Examen Oral III R Binder Inspection II; Final Exam Memory Test

Final Exam: Wednesday, December 16, 2009, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., location to be announced.

This course calendar provides a fairly accurate timeline for the class, but it is subject to change due to circumstances. Such changes can be found on the weekly agendas and/or CU Learn's calendar. Students will be responsible for adhering to any revised schedule and are strongly discouraged from making any travel plans during the semester, including, but not limited to, leaving early for Fall Break/Thanksgiving Holiday or returning late.