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SPAN 2120H Honors Intermediate Spanish

Required books (ordered at both UGA Bookstore and Off-Campus Bookstore):

- De la Vega, Sara L. and Carmen Salazar. *Avanzando: gramática española y lectura*. 6th Ed. New York: Wiley, 2007.
- De la Vega, Sara L. and Carmen Salazar. *Avanzando: gramática española y lectura, Workbook*. 6th Ed. New York: Wiley, 2007.
- Denevi, Marco. *Rosaura a las diez*. Ed. Donald Yates. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1964.

Recommended books:

- Bilingual dictionary: (English-Spanish): *Collins Spanish Dictionary*, *Larousse*, *University of Chicago*, or other.
- Monolingual dictionary (Spanish-Spanish): *Diccionario de la lengua española*. Vigésima segunda edición. Madrid: Real Academia Española, 2005. www.rae.es

Goals/course description: The goals of this course include: 1) learning/review of linguistic units (words, idioms, verb forms, sounds) and grammar (rules which permit you to combine the units meaningfully); 2) practice in using linguistic units and rules to communicate in speaking, listening, reading and writing; 3) study of the context in which Spanish is used (i.e., Hispanic cultures and societies); 4) reading, enjoying, understanding, and appreciating a detective novel written in Spanish, Rosaura a las diez.

Spanish 2120H is an Honors-level, intensive course that completes the equivalent of SPAN 2001 and 2002 in one semester. Given its fast pace, please expect to do a significant amount of work outside of class—approximately 1-1.5 hours per day. You will be required to study the target grammatical structures and linguistic units outside of class (since class time will not be used to “explain” grammar), in order to apply the target structures in class in a meaningful context.

Evaluation:

Participation/attendance	25%
Compositions (2)	20%
Exams (4)	40%
Workbook	6%
Homework assignments (spot-checked)	9%

Attendance: Attendance in this class is **mandatory** and I will be taking attendance every day. **More than four absences during the semester will greatly impact your final course grade, since beginning with absence number five, I will subtract one point from your final grade, in addition to decreasing your participation grade** (you must be present to participate). A

suggestion: save your “absence” days for emergencies, such as family matters and doctor’s appointments, for example.

Participation: In addition to coming to class every day, to receive a good participation grade in this class students must:

- Arrive on time. Arriving late negatively impacts your participation grade, and habitual tardiness is very irritating. So please arrive on time.
- Read and prepare all of the assigned material prior to class.
- Speak only in Spanish.
- Actively participate in all activities and discussions—which includes answering questions as well as offering comments and questions related to the assigned material.
- Listen attentively to your classmates and treat them with respect.
- Check email and WebCT at least once per day in order to be current on class news and assignments.
- **Remember that missing class for any reason means you cannot receive participation credit for that day’s class, since you must be present to participate.**

Classroom Etiquette: Please make sure that you have turned off your cell phone prior to coming to class! Ringing phones are an interruption to class discussions that can easily be avoided, and this type of interruption will negatively affect your participation grade. Please also refrain from text-messaging of any sort in class.

Exams: There will be four exams throughout the semester. There is no comprehensive final exam, so the final exam will only cover our reading of the novel Rosaura a las diez.

Rosaura a las diez: We will be reading a detective novel during the last few weeks of this class. **If you are not willing to carefully read 20 pages per night of this book, do not stay in this class.** There will be short quizzes (that will count as part of your participation grade) to make sure that everyone is reading.

Workbook: At the start of each chapter I will select appropriate workbook activities (and post the activity numbers on WebCT), which are to be handed in on the day indicated on the syllabus. These will be graded on completeness ($\sqrt{+}$, $\sqrt{-}$, 0) and will count for 10% of your final grade. **I will not accept workbooks handed in after the end of class on the day that they are due, so please make sure to bring them to class.**

Compositions: Each student will write two 400-600 word compositions in Spanish 2120H (written on a computer, in Times New Roman 12 font, and double-spaced). Accents must be written using the computer, not by hand (see WebCT for instructions on generating accented characters in Microsoft Word), and spell-check should also be used. The dates of these out-of-class assignments will be announced on WebCT at least a week before the due date.

Make-ups: There are absolutely no make-ups in 2120H: you may not make up any missed exams.

Late work: I will not accept homework, workbooks, or compositions handed in after the end of class on the day that they are due. If you are absent for any reason, please email me your completed assignment by the end of the class period on the day it is due or have another student bring it to class to hand in to me.

There is no extra credit. No lo pidas.

Special Needs: It is the policy of The University of Georgia to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. All students with special requests or need for accommodations should make this request in person to their instructor as soon as possible. For further information, see <http://www.drc.uga.edu/>.

Honor Code: Students are responsible for reading, understanding, and following the rules of the Honor Code of the University of Georgia. For more information, please see the official policy put forward by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs: <http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon.htm>. For the specific purposes of Spanish 2120H, I am very happy to see/hear of students working together on homework (each handing in their own paper and not copying from another student) or studying for an exam. However, in no way are students permitted to have outside help or editing on their compositions. I will consider any outside help or editing to be a violation of the Honor Code.

Grade Scale:

A = 93-100 B+ = 87-89 C+ = 77-79 D+ = 67-69 F = 0-62
A- = 90-92 B = 83-86 C = 73-76 D = 63-66
B- = 80-82 C- = 70-72

Important: If you have any questions regarding, or problems with, Spanish 2120H, you can speak with me outside of class and we will try and resolve any issues. If you prefer, you may contact the Spanish Coordinator, Dr. Teresa Pérez-Gamboa, preferably via email (Gilbert 311, 542-3972, perez@uga.edu).

Caveat emptor: This syllabus, like most things in life, runs the risk of changing at any given moment (at the professor's fair and reasonable discretion).

Programa general de curso:

Agosto		
1	Viernes 17	Introducción al curso
2	Lunes 20	Capítulo preliminar
	Miércoles 22	Capítulo 1
	Viernes 24	Capítulo 1
3	Lunes 27	Capítulo 1
	Miércoles 29	Capítulo 1
	Viernes 31	Capítulo 1
Septiembre		
4	Lunes 3	No hay clase
	Miércoles 5	Capítulo 2/ Entregar cuaderno Capítulo 1
	Viernes 7	Capítulo 2
5	Lunes 10	Capítulo 2

	Miércoles 12	Capítulo 2
	Viernes 14	Capítulo 2
6	Lunes 17	Exam I/Entregar cuaderno Capítulo 2
	Miércoles 19	Capítulo 3
	Viernes 21	Capítulo 3
7	Lunes 24	Capítulo 3
	Miércoles 26	Capítulo 3
	Viernes 28	No hay clase
Octubre		
8	Lunes 1	Capítulo 3
	Miércoles 3	Capítulo 4/ Entregar cuaderno Capítulo 3
	Viernes 5	Capítulo 4
9	Lunes 8	Capítulo 4
	Miércoles 10	Capítulo 4
	Viernes 12	Exam II/Entregar cuaderno Capítulo 4
10	Lunes 15	Capítulo 5
	Miércoles 17	Capítulo 5
	Viernes 19	Capítulo 5
11	Lunes 22	Capítulo 5
	Miércoles 24	Capítulo 5
	Viernes 26	No hay clase
12	Lunes 29	Capítulo 6/ Entregar cuaderno Capítulo 5
	Miércoles 31	Capítulo 6
Noviembre		
	Viernes 2	Capítulo 6
13	Lunes 5	Capítulo 6
	Miércoles 7	Capítulo 6
	Viernes 9	Exam III/Entregar cuaderno Capítulo 6
14	Lunes 12	Capítulo 7 (214-226)
	Miércoles 14	Capítulo 10 (307-313)
	Viernes 16	<i>Rosaura a las diez</i>
15	Lunes 19	<i>Rosaura a las diez</i>
	Miércoles 21	No hay clase
	Viernes 23	No hay clase
16	Lunes 26	<i>Rosaura a las diez</i>
	Miércoles 28	<i>Rosaura a las diez</i>
	Viernes 30	<i>Rosaura a las diez</i>
Diciembre		
17	Lunes 3	<i>Rosaura a las diez</i>
	Martes 4*	<i>Rosaura a las diez</i>
	Miércoles 5	<i>Rosaura a las diez</i>
	TBA	Exam IV (during the final exam time slot, TBA)

***Note: For the Fall Semester 2007, the University will operate a Friday class schedule on Tuesday, Dec. 4. This is done to equalize the class minutes between MWF and TTH classes and to provide an equal number of class meetings for courses which may meet only once per week.**
http://www.reg.uga.edu/or.nsf/html/Academic_Calendar_07-08