

BILBAO COLLEGE
INTRODUCTORY SPANISH (4 US Credits)
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Objectives:

¡¡¡Bienvenido!!!! Welcome to Introductory Spanish at Bilbao College!!!!

This is a hands-on course of Spanish whose main goal is to develop **basic communicative skills** in Spanish as a second language. These include but are not limited to the following sample abilities:

- ✓ Describing your normal weekly and weekend routines and describing what you do to relax
- ✓ Talking about your family and family resemblances using descriptions of physical and personality features
- ✓ Describing what you do on vacation

A second goal is to develop **some general knowledge about cultural features** of the Hispanic world while practicing the Spanish language. Some examples are:

- ✓ Greetings in Spanish speaking countries
- ✓ Sports in the Hispanic world!
- ✓ Popular vacation destinations in Hispanic countries

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

- ✓ hold a basic level conversation in Spanish;
- ✓ be able to build simple sentences in the present tense;
- ✓ write a composition in Spanish;
- ✓ read articles and news related to the Spanish-speaking world to get the general ideas.

A good number of oral and written realia will be provided. Through these, you will take a fresh look at the Hispanophone (Spanish-speaking) world. You will develop good solid basic proficiency in writing, speaking, reading, and understanding spoken Spanish.

Required Texts and Course Materials:

- ✓ ***A package of materials specific for this course will be provided.***

Method of Instruction: You will prepare assigned material thoroughly before coming to class. Class time is devoted to communicative activities, so we speak Spanish in class. Don't worry; making mistakes is a part of the learning process. You must come to class with the lesson read and the homework done.

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Methods of Evaluation:

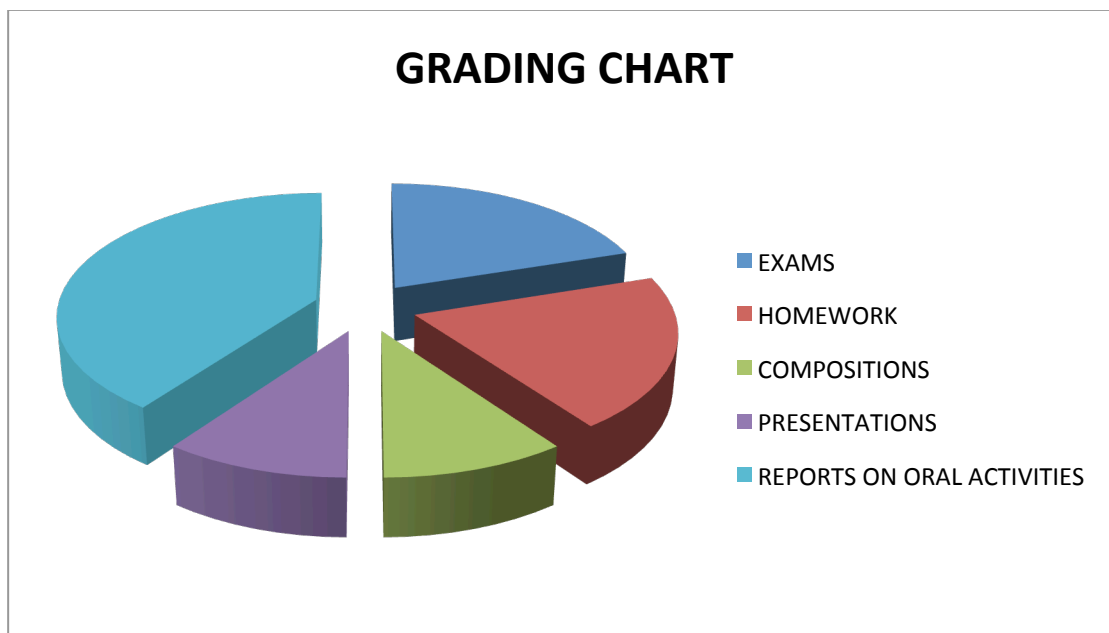
Your final course grade will be based on the information below.

Assessments:

- Exams (2):
 - 2 written exams will take place in class time: one midterm exam and one final exam. Each exam will be worth 10 points. The second exam will NOT be cumulative.
- Homework (4):
 - At the end of each week you will need to hand in one set of homework, which will be found in the package of materials of the course. Each set of homework will be worth 5 points, making a total of 20 points for this assignment.
- Compositions (2):
 - 2 compositions must be turned out. The first one will be collected at the beginning of the last day of the first week and the second one at the beginning of the first class of the last week. No second drafts will be allowed. If you need help with the writing, make sure to reach out to your instructor for further support. Each composition will be worth 5 points, making a total of 10 points. Topics and further information regarding compositions can be found in the package of materials.
- Presentation (1):
 - You will present in Spanish on a topic at the end of week 3. Further instructions can be found on the package of materials. The presentation is worth 10 points.
- Written reports on oral interaction(4):
 - You will be assigned a local conversation partner whose native language is Spanish and who is very likely to be a student of English. It is compulsory to meet up with your partner at least twice a week and interact with him/her 30 minutes in English and 30 minutes in Spanish for each meeting. There may be a rotation of partners. After the verbal interaction, you need to write a report based on what the conversation was about. Reports need to be handed out along with the set of homework each week. A list of potential topics and further information regarding this assignment can be found in the package of materials. Each oral report is worth 10 points, making a total of 40 points for this assignment.

ASSIGNMENT	POINTS
Exams	20
Homework	20
Compositions	10
Presentations	10
Written reports on oral interaction	40

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Grading Scale:

LETTER GRADE	PERCENTAGE POINTS
A+	100 - 97
A	96.9 - 93
A-	92.9 - 90
B+	89.9 - 87
B	86.9 - 83
B-	82.9 - 80
C+	79.9 - 77
C	76.9 - 73
C-	72.9 - 70
D+	69.9 - 67
D	66.9 - 63
D-	62.9 - 60
F	<60

Active Pursuit Statement for the Course:

- Attend all classes and do your homework
- Review the lesson to be covered prior to class. Plan at least 1 hour study at home for every class.
- Participate in all activities in class
- Speak to yourself and other classmates in Spanish outside class
- Listen to and read Spanish outside of class (music, news, web sites, etc.)
- Attend the instructor's office hours and ask for help as soon as you need it.

Note: *It is your responsibility to seek clarification and raise your hand or contact your instructor if you don't understand something. In principle, you will learn more in this class in context than in two years of Spanish. ¡¡Que te diviertas!! Enjoy it!!*