

BILBAO COLLEGE
INTERMEDIATE SPANISH (4 US credits)
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Objectives:

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

The goals of this course of Spanish are two-fold. The first is to develop **intermediate communicative skills** in Spanish as a foreign language. These include but are not limited to the following sample abilities:

- ✓ describing leisure activities
- ✓ talking about events in the past
- ✓ talking about your daily routine
- ✓ talking about what you did last week and contrasting that with what you used to do as a child
- ✓ giving and receiving directions

A second goal is to become familiar with some **general characteristics** of the Spanish-speaking world. Some examples are:

- ✓ holidays in the Spanish-speaking world
- ✓ geography and culture of your surroundings
- ✓ important historical events in the Spanish-speaking world
- ✓ differences in how birthdays and other important occasions are celebrated

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

- ✓ hold a basic-intermediate level conversation in Spanish;
- ✓ be able to describe oneself as well as others;
- ✓ talk about preferences, hobbies and about leisure time using present and past tense;
- ✓ write compositions in Spanish;
- ✓ understand instructions and be able to read news in Spanish.

We will work with a variety of authentic oral and written productions. Through these, you will approach the Spanish-speaking world from different perspectives. You will develop 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 that 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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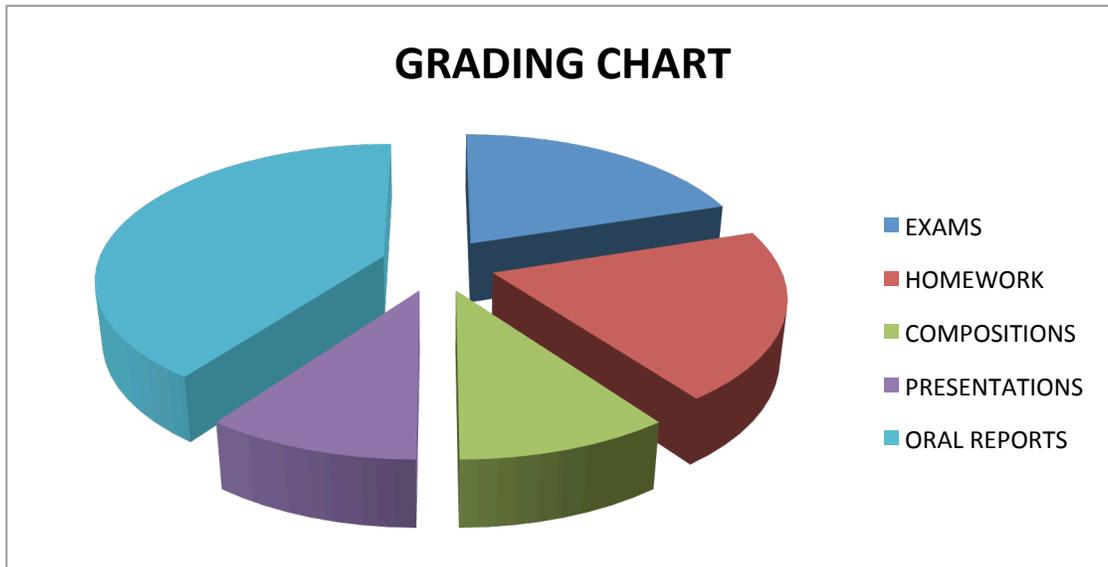
Methods of Evaluation:

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

Assessments:

- Exams (2):
 - 2 written exams will take place in class time. The first one will be at the end of week 2 and the second one at the end of week 4. 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 of week 1 and the second one at the beginning of the class in week 4. 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 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



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 hours 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. ¡¡Qué te diviertas!! Enjoy it!!