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SPAN 395.01: Advanced Practice in Spanish Conversation

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Course: Spanish 395; Advanced Practice in Spanish Conversation

Required Text: *Conversación y controversia* by Nino R. Iortillo and Andrés C. Díaz
Readings will be provided or available on ERES

Course Description:

This course will emphasize conversation practice and will also include a general review of Spanish grammar.

Native and Heritage Spanish Speakers will visit the classroom to practice with the students.

Outcomes:

After this course the student will be able to:

- 1) speak extemporaneously for at least five minutes on a topic from the text or class lecture
- 2) give a fifteen to twenty minute oral presentation in Spanish without using written materials.
- 3) converse with a partner and participate in debates.
- 4) improve her understanding of Spanish grammar. This will include ser and estar, the subjunctive versus the indicative, and the preterite versus the imperfect, to name a few.
- 5) discuss controversial topics in Spanish including abortion, gun control, and more.
- 6) use appropriate vocabulary for discussing film.

Assessment:

Attendance: 5%

Homework: 15%

Two Oral Exams: 50% These will be given during the second and the last week

Final Oral Presentation: 20%

Final Exam 10%

Homework: The homework will consist of reading to prepare for discussion in class. The student will also learn new vocabulary assigned from the text prior to coming to class each day. A pronunciation tape will be provided and should be practiced every day. Written assignments are also required.

Oral Exams: The two oral exams will be based on conversation topics discussed in class. They will be 10 to 15 minutes long. The first oral is Friday the 16th of January and the 2nd oral exam is on the 22nd of January. Each exam is 100pts.

Final Oral Presentation: Friday January 23rd.

Duration: 15-20 minutes

Hand in a brief description of your final project by the 13th of January. (20pts)

You may not use notes, but visuals are required. The topic must be related to a cultural or other topic of the Spanish speaking world. Please use examples to support your statements.

The grade will be based on the following criteria:

Creativity: 5%

Preparation and Practice: 50%

Comprehensibility: 25%

Correct Use of Language: 20%

Grade Scale: A: 90-100%, B:80-89%, C:70-79%, D:60-69%, F: 0-59%