SPAN 202.05: Intermediate Spanish II

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Español 202
Primavera 2002
Seccion 05
3:10-4:00 MTThF
LA 140

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Texts:

Notebook: You will need one spiral bound, 70 page, notebook for your journal entries.

Spanish-English Dictionary: I recommend Harrap’s Giant Paperback Spanish Dictionary, or any other you find with easy to read type, and idiomatic usage and related prepositions listed in the definitions.

Audiotapes used in conjunction with the books, are available at the language lab, LA 103, where they may be checked out with an ID to use on the premises.

Course Description:
Spanish 202 is a 4 credit, intermediate course designed as a grammar review for students who have had the equivalent of three semesters of college Spanish, to prepare them for a more advanced level of study. The acquisition and use of practical vocabulary, and reinforcement of grammatical skills, will be the focus of the class. Emphasis will be placed on producing the language in writing and conversation.

Instruction will be given in Spanish, and students are expected to communicate in Spanish in class. Your participation is important. Participation is evaluated according to the effort, rather than the errors, you make. I expect everyone to make errors during our practice in class and on the homework without feeling the stress of being judged, because your mistakes are corrected, not graded. Errors are part of the process of learning a foreign language. Our classroom is intended to be a non-threatening place where you can practice and gain confidence with the support of your professor and fellow students.

Attendance is required and noted as an important part of your participation in the class, more than 3 absences will lower your participation grade. Make sure you are punctual and present.

Homework for Spanish 202 will require that you practice outside of class, everyday. As you may already have noticed, foreign language cannot be learned sufficiently by “cramming” for quizzes and tests. You will be required to write in your notebook/journal, “diario”, and to complete exercises in your workbooks for this purpose.

The “diario” will allow you to begin feeling more comfortable expressing your ideas, and even thinking, in Spanish. The “diario” will be checked, not for errors, but for completion, on Fridays, once every two weeks. Passages should be approximately ½ page long, so that by Friday of each week, you have completed 4 hand-written pages. Themes will be suggested weekly, but you may use the opportunity to develop any ideas that interest you. I suggest you set aside a quiet time, at the same time each day, for this purpose.

When workbook exercises are assigned, they are to be completed on time, so that we can discuss and/or correct them in class. The workbook is very important to your success on quizzes and tests. I will not look at your entire workbook, but on Mondays I will ask you to hand in a specific page from the previous week’s work, as an example of what you did. At least ½ of any given page must be completed to receive credit for it.

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Participation in classroom discussions, presentations, and attendance.
Quizzes: one per chapter, 2 lowest scores will be dropped, no make-ups
Homework: journal/diario and workbook
Compositions: 2 essays. Not accepted after due dates.
Unit Tests: 2 tests. Any missed test will be given final exam score
Final: Wednesday, May 15, 1-3pm