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The course follows a communicative approach. The course is taught entirely in Spanish while the textbook contains explanations and instructions in English. Grammar is not taught explicitly, but students are expected to study the material before coming to class. Class time is to be used primarily for meaningful communication practice. Spanish will be spoken in class 99% of the time. Class time will be devoted almost entirely to activities that allow you to practice your skills of understanding and interacting in Spanish. Class time will not be spent doing grammar drills, translating, or listening to lengthy grammar descriptions. Please read all assigned grammar explanations and complete all assigned exercises. If you feel that you need additional help with grammar, see your instructor during office hours.

**Course Description**

The primary goal of the Elementary Spanish language course sequence is to develop basic proficiency in Spanish at the Novice-High to Intermediate-low level (as established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Proficiency Guidelines, 2012). Students are expected to learn to use Spanish for communication in real, meaningful situations. It is also intended that students develop an understanding of basic grammatical concepts and an appreciation of the various cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. By the end of Span 2 you will be able to:

- **Understand** Spanish speech about familiar topics and spoken at a lower than normal pace.
- **Write and speak** in simple complete sentences, mostly in the present tense.
- **Read** simple short texts with simple and high frequency vocabulary.
- **Narrate and use** verbs in the present tense, and be familiar with and recognize forms and contexts of use for different past tenses.
- **Recognize** cross-cultural differences and make comparisons between the U.S. and Spanish-speaking countries regarding topics such as the work environment, music, celebrations, history, art, food, pastimes or entertainment.
- **Communicate** about those same topics using relevant vocabulary.

**Required Materials**

1. ¡Pura Vida! Beginning Spanish (textbook + WileyPlus access code)
   This textbook program will be used in Span 1, 2, 3 & 4 so will only have to purchase it once. You can buy the looseleaf textbook + WileyPlus access code bundled together at the UCSB bookstore, or purchase WileyPlus access with eBook access included at WileyPlus.com when you register for the course.

**Student Responsibilities**

**Attendance:** Due to the nature of language learning in general, class attendance is mandatory since it is absolutely critical for developing communicative abilities in Spanish. At the same time, it is understood that circumstances and events such as illnesses, weddings, funerals, job interviews, family emergencies, etc. may prevent your attendance. Therefore, you will be allowed a total of three absences during the quarter. These are not free days, so plan accordingly. Starting with the fourth absence, regardless of the reasons for the first three, ONE percentage point will be subtracted from the final calculated course grade for each additional absence. Late arrivals and early departures may also count as absences. BE PROMPT! If health or personal issues will prevent your regular attendance, you should not take this class since your final grade will be severely affected. You are ultimately responsible for the material covered in class, regardless of whether you are absent or present. Absences do not relieve you from your responsibilities; you are still expected to have completed all the preparation for the class missed and the class that follows.

**Active participation:** The grade for active participation is based on attendance, effort (preparedness for class with appropriate homework and class material, daily participation) and quality of response in class. Your in-class participation involves a number of variables, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Your use of Spanish in the classroom
- Your participation in all class activities
- Your cooperation during group/pair-work
- Your respect and attitude toward the instructor and your peers

Since active participation is required, ABSOLUTELY NO TEXT MESSAGING OR WEB BROWSING is permitted during class. Doing so will severely affect your participation grade.

**Compositions:** The first draft will be completed in class and is worth 60% of the grade. The final version must be typed (double spaced) and is worth 40% of the grade. Accent marks and special Spanish characters must be typed too. Compositions that do not meet these requirements will not be graded. The first and final drafts cannot be exactly alike. If no rewriting is done by the student, no credit will be given for the final draft. You are welcome to use the Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) for feedback on your writing assignments. If you use this tutorial service, request the yellow confirmation card from your tutor and attach it to your assignment when you turn it in. The compositions are due the day indicated on the syllabus. **No compositions will be accepted late.**

**Expected time required (approximate):** A general guideline for the amount of time you should plan to dedicate to this course is 2-3 hours of homework per hour spent in class. Set aside time to study Spanish on a regular, preferably daily, basis. It is far more effective to study for shorter, more frequent periods of time than to study for one marathon session.

**Online assignments through WileyPlus:** Students are expected to complete daily online assignments through WileyPlus. Go to [www.WileyPlus.com](http://www.WileyPlus.com) and look for your institution and course in which you want to enroll. You will have to create an account and enter the registration code for the ¡Pura Vida! textbook if you already have one, or buy one along the way when creating an account. You should always read the grammatical explanations before doing the corresponding online activities. You will have to complete, print and bring to class the activities from the Autopruebas that are assigned, but are not in WileyPlus.
**EN VIVO online coaching sessions:** As part of the course, students are expected to attend 6 online coaching sessions. You will sign up for one weekly, 30-minute **individual or small group** coaching sessions with a trained language instructor. You will practice speaking in a non-threatening environment via advanced technology. Grades are based on attendance and degree of participation. Buy your registration card here: [http://www.linguameeting.com/register](http://www.linguameeting.com/register).

**Cheating and Plagiarism:** All instructors in the Spanish and Portuguese language program will follow University policy concerning cheating and plagiarism, including when evaluating compositions. The following practices, among others, are considered instances of plagiarism:
- copying and pasting from outside references or electronic sources
- paraphrasing or translating without acknowledging the source
- using online translators in any capacity (e.g. not even as dictionaries)
- getting revising/rewriting help from more advanced speakers other than the tutors at CLAS or your instructor

All instructors in the Spanish and Portuguese department are professionals trained in language teaching and linguistic competence. They can EASILY recognize work that is not your own. Know what plagiarism is: **ignorance will not excuse the offense.** If you have any questions about plagiarism, please ask your instructor and consult the Academic Conduct guidelines by Judicial Affairs: [http://judicialaffairs.sa.ucsb.edu/AcademicIntegrity.aspx](http://judicialaffairs.sa.ucsb.edu/AcademicIntegrity.aspx). You are allowed to use an online dictionary (not online translators) such as [wordreference.com](http://wordreference.com). The **only acceptable revision help is with the Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS).** Please take a moment to see when composition drafts are due so that you can schedule to meet with a CLAS tutor for revising help.
Assessment and Evaluation Policies

**Testing and grading:** In this course students will take two midterms and a final exam. All exam dates are included in the syllabus. Chapter exams include a listening section and a culture section. The final exam will be cumulative.

**Evaluation criteria:** It is important to remember that no grade is “given”. Instead the student earns points, which will be objectively calculated on a 100-point scale. There is no extra credit.

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88% = B+  
83% = B   
80% = B-  
78% = C+  
73% = C   
70% = C-  
68% = D+  
63% = D   
60% = D-  
59% and below = F

A grade of C or better is required to pass to the following Spanish course level or to pass the class if the student chooses the Pass/No Pass option. No student with a final percentage lower than 73 will be assigned a grade of “Pass” if the student chooses the Pass/No Pass option.

**Make-up Policy:** There are NO makeup exams except under extraordinary circumstances. Work schedules or travel plans do not constitute exceptions.

This Elementary Spanish class is far below the level of a native Spanish speaker. If you do not wish to learn another language and choose to be in this class in order to meet a college requirement or to improve your GPA, keep in mind that your instructor will only give you credit for what you accomplish in this course and not for what you already know.

Si aprendiste el español de niño, hablas español en casa con tu familia y tienes interés por conocer la lengua más a fondo con otras personas que hayan pasado por experiencias similares, este curso no es para ti. Debes tomar un examen de competencia oral para determinar si debes pasar directamente a un curso superior. Para más información debes ir a la oficina principal del Departamento de Español en 4206 Phelps Hall.

**Native Spanish Speakers**

**Education Abroad**

Lower division Spanish language courses are designed to present the tools necessary for learning Spanish as a foreign language at the elementary and intermediate level. Taking these courses or even completing the Spanish major does not necessarily mean that you will become fluent or highly proficient in Spanish, since language acquisition occurs through intense exposure and interaction beyond the contact time that any course or program of studies allows. Students hoping to fulfill further language requirements and improve their communicative proficiency in Spanish are strongly encouraged to participate in UC EAP Language and Culture Program in Córdoba, Spain. For more information on this program or any other UC EAP program, contact Laura Marqués, lmarques@spanport.ucsb.edu.
Spanish 2

Septiembre

28 | Introducción al curso, Cap 4.1: Ver para creer I | Register for EN VIVO -- Linguameeting
4   | Cap 4.1: Una imagen, Una perspectiva, La pura verdad I | Estudiar pp. 140-141
8   | Cap 4.1: Palabra por palabra | Estudiar pp. 142-143, Hacer 4.1-06, 4.1-07
16  | Cap 4.1: La pura verdad II, Otra perspectiva

Octubre

9   | Cap 4.1: Manos a la obra, Antes de leer | Hacer Después de leer, p. 153
10  | Cap 4.1: Entérate, Ponte en mi lugar, Una imagen, | Estudiar pp. 158-159, Autoprueba 4.1 (Gram I, II, Redac)
11  | Cap 4.2: Una perspectiva, La pura verdad I, Palabras | Estudiar pp. 161-162, Hacer 4.2-08, 4.2-09
12  | Cap 4.2: Las preposiciones | Estudiar pp. 164-166, Hacer 4.2-12, 4.2-14
16  | Cap 4.2: La pura verdad II, Ser vs. estar | Hacer 4.2-22
17  | Cap 4.2: Otra perspectiva Manos a la obra, | Autoprueba 4.2 (Vocab III, Gram II, III)
18  | Cap 4.2: Así es la vida, Ponte en mi lugar, Ver para creer II
19  | EXAMEN 1 (Capítulo 4)

Noviembre

23 | Cap 5.1: Ver para creer I, Una imagen, Una perspectiva | Estudiar pp. 178-179, Hacer 5.1-02 (Paso 1), 5.1-03 (Paso 1)
24 | Cap 5.1: La pura verdad I, Palarba por palabra | Estudiar pp. 181-182, Hacer 5.1-06
25 | Cap 5.1: La pura verdad II, Evitar la repetición | Estudiar pp. 185-186, Hacer 5.1-12 (Paso 1), 5.1-13 (Paso 1)

Dicembre

6   | Cap 5.2: La pura verdad I, Las celebraciones | Estudiar pp. 201-202, Hacer 5.2-08 (Pasos 1 y 2)
7   | Cap 5.2: Pronombres de OI, La pura verdad II | Estudiar p. 205, Hacer 5.2-13 (Paso 1)
8   | Cap 5.2: Dar y decir, Otra perspectiva | Estudiar p. 207, Hacer 5.2-16 (Paso 1), 5.2-22
9   | Cap 5.2: Verbos de tipo “gustar”, Manos a la obra | Hacer 5.2-15 (Paso1), 5.1-20

13  | Redacción en clase 2
14  | Cap 5.2: Ponte en mi lugar, Así es la vida | Autoprueba 5.2
15  | Ver para creer
16  | EXAMEN 2 (Capítulo 5)

Feriado. Acción de gracias

20  | Cap 6.1: Ver para creer I, Una perspectiva, Una imagen | Estudiar p. 218
21  | Cap 6.1: La pura verdad I, La historia | Estudiar pp. 221-222, Hacer 6.1-10

Completo 5th EN VIVO sesión by Saturday. Do EN VIVO worksheet 5.2

27  | Cap 6.1: Hablando del pasado, Hace + tiempo | Hacer 6.1-21
28  | Cap 6.1: Antes de leer, Una imagen, Una perspectiva | Después de leer, p.231
29  | Cap 6.1: Después de leer, La pura verdad I | Estudiar p. 237, Hacer 6.2-02 (Paso 1)
30  | Cap 6.2: Palabra por palabra: El arte | Estudiar pp. 240-242, Hacer 6.2-6 (Pasos 1 y 2), 6.2-9 (paso 1)

4   | Cap 6.2: La pura verdad II, Hablando del pasado | Estudiar pp. 245, Hacer 6.2-12
5   | Cap 6.2: Apuntar en el espacio | Autoprueba 6.2 (Vocab I, II, Gram III, Cultura, Redac)
6   | La forma vosotros, Otra perspectiva
7   | Cap 6.2: Manos a la obra
9   | EXAMEN FINAL, 8:00-11:00 AM

1. Read the pages and write on paper the activities noted below.
2. Bring to class on the following day.
3. Check WileyPlus for additional online activities that are not listed on the syllabus. All activities on WP are due by 11:45pm.