



## Course Syllabus

### **SPAN 1411 – Beginning Spanish I**

**Catalog Description:** Basic Spanish language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing within a cultural framework. Students will acquire the vocabulary and grammatical structures necessary to communicate and comprehend at the beginner level.

**Lecture hours = 3 , Lab hours = 2**

**Prerequisites:** none

**Semester Credit Hours:** 4

**Lecture Hours per Week:** 3

**Lab Hours per Week:** 2

**Contact Hours per Semester:** 64

**State Approval Code:** 16.0905.51 13

**Class section meeting time:** Online—students are expected to spend 6-9 hours per week reading, reviewing, and participating in assigned activities for successful completion of this course.

**Alternate Operations During Campus Closure:** In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Panola College to move to altered operations. During this time, Panola College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (CANVAS), online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Panola College's website ([www.panola.edu](http://www.panola.edu)) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, CANVAS for each class for course-specific communication, and Panola College email for important general information.

#### **Core Components and Related College Student Learning Outcomes**

This course counts as part of the academic requirements of the Panola College Core Curriculum and an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree.  Yes  No: If no, skip to Instructional Goals.

The items below marked with an X reflect the state-mandated outcomes for this course **IF this is a CORE course:**

- Critical Thinking Skills – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and syntheses of information
  - CT1: Generate and communicate ideas by combining, changing, or reapplying existing information
  - CT2: Gather and assess information relevant to a question
  - CT3: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information
- Communication Skills – to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication
  - CS1: Develop, interpret, and express ideas through written communication

- CS2: Develop, interpret, and express ideas through oral communication
- CS3: Develop, interpret, and express ideas through visual communication
- Empirical and Quantitative Skills – to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
  - EQS1: Manipulate and analyze numerical data and arrive at an informed conclusion
  - EQS2: Manipulate and analyze observable facts and arrive at an informed conclusion
- Teamwork – to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
  - TW1: Integrate different viewpoints as a member of a team
  - TW2: Work with others to support and accomplish a shared goal
- Personal Responsibility – to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making
  - PR1: Evaluate choices and actions and relate consequences to decision-making
- Social Responsibility – to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
  - SR1: Demonstrate intercultural competence
  - SR2: Identify civic responsibility
  - SR3: Engage in regional, national, and global communities

#### **Instructional Goals and Purposes:**

This course will emphasize the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, as well as an appreciation of Hispanic culture. To develop these skills to the best of the student's ability, active participation by the student is required. This course is intended to teach basic vocabulary and grammar of beginning level Spanish.

#### **Learning Outcomes: [from the ACGM catalog]**

After studying all materials and resources presented in the course, the student will be able to:

1. Engage in conversations using level-appropriate grammatical structures including narrating events that take place in the present and producing questions and responses on a variety of topics dealing with everyday life.
2. Demonstrate understanding of level-appropriate spoken Spanish.
3. Write simple sentences and organize them into short paragraphs.
4. Read and comprehend level-appropriate texts.
5. Identify and discuss traditions, customs and values of the Hispanic world.
6. Compare and contrast the traditions, customs and values of the Hispanic world with characteristics of their own culture.

#### **Course Content:**

Students in all sections of this course will learn the following content:

1. vocabulary including cognates, family members, numbers, academic subjects, animals, days of the week, months of the year, telling time, clothing, interrogatives, seasons, colors, descriptive adjectives, etc.
2. the verb ser
3. articles and gender
4. hay, estar and ir, present tense of regular verbs, subject pronouns
5. personal a, adjective agreement
6. saber and conocer, present tense of irregular verbs
7. present tense of stem-changing verbs
8. reflexive verbs, possession and adjectives

9. demonstratives, more with ser and estar

**Methods of Instruction/Course Format/Delivery:**

Instruction for this course will be achieved through the use of lecture, discussion, video, student presentations and Canvas.

**Assessment:****Reading:**

1. students will answer questions in the reading comprehension section of each written test and the final exam
2. students will complete internet activities over Spanish websites

**Listening:**

3. students will answer questions in the listening comprehension section of each written test responding to audio materials in various formats that use the vocabulary and grammatical structures previously covered
4. students will also answer questions about their conversations

**Writing:**

5. students will write in different situations including dialogues, descriptions and narratives
6. students will write using different modes of expression as part of each written test and final exam

**Speaking:**

7. students will demonstrate their mastery of vocabulary and grammar by oral quizzes and presentations
8. pronunciation will be evaluated during conversations in class

**Cultural Awareness:**

9. students will respond to videos about the various Spanish-speaking countries
10. students will give oral reports to the class over some aspect of Spanish (folklore, literature, fine arts, etc.)

**Course Grade:**

The grade for this course will be based on study plans, quizzes, and exams. The final exam is comprehensive. Tests will be frequent and given at the end of each unit. Lecture counts 75% of the overall grade and lab counts 25%. (Study plans 25%, Quizzes 20%, Exams 30%, and Lab 25%).

**Texts, Materials, and Supplies:****Lumen learning access online (OER)****Other:**

- Courses conducted via video conferencing may be recorded and shared for instructional purposes by the instructor.
- For current texts and materials, use the following link to access bookstore listings: <http://www.panolacollegestore.com>
- For testing services, use the following link: <http://www.panola.edu/elearning/testing.html>
- If any student in this class has special classroom or testing needs because of a physical learning or emotional condition, please contact the ADA Student Coordinator in Support Services located in the Charles C. Matthews Student Center or go to <https://www.panola.edu/student-success/disability-support-services/> for more information.

- Withdrawing from a course is the student's responsibility. Students who do not attend class and who do not withdraw will receive the grade earned for the course.
- Student Handbook, *The Pathfinder*: <http://www.panola.edu/student-success/documents/pathfinder.pdf>