SYLLABUS

Spanish 1A
Fall 2012
M-F: 9:00-9:50 am
Location: HH 108

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Course Description:

Spanish 1A employs a proficiency-oriented, task-based approach, designed to develop basic oral communicative abilities in Spanish. In order to support these abilities you will also be introduced to beginning grammar as well as speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Class will be conducted in Spanish.

Textbooks & Materials (required)


2. **Puntos de Partida: Workbook (Connect Plus)**, 9th Edition, online access* (access code included with textbook purchase).


*All Workbook/Lab-Manual (WBLM) assignments must be completed on the Connect website. Use the following link to enroll in the correct Spanish 1A section:

   http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/span1a_f12_garcia

Additional Material (recommended/required)

1. A good Spanish/English dictionary / recommended

2. A Verb Conjugations book (like 501 Verbs) / recommended

Text Material Covered

**Spanish 1AB**: Chapters 1-6
**Class Dynamics:**

I will attempt to balance a relaxed atmosphere, where students will be willing to use Spanish without fear of criticism, with the need for academic excellence. Try, however, not to get as comfortable with the class so as to not study enough; some anxiety about academic performance is always helpful. On the other hand, avoid getting so tense that you "freeze up". Please, avoid monopolizing the class, or otherwise creating an uncomfortable atmosphere for your classmates. Remember that I am always available during my office hours to help you.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

Academic dishonesty is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at the University of California, Irvine. Cheating, forgery, dishonest conduct, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities erode the University's educational, research, and social roles. They devalue the learning experience and its legitimacy not only for the perpetrators but for the entire community. It is essential that all members of the academic community subscribe to the ideal of academic integrity and accept individual responsibility for their work. Please familiarize yourself with the UCI Policy on Academic Honesty: [http://www.senate.uci.edu/senateweb/default2.asp?active_page_id=754](http://www.senate.uci.edu/senateweb/default2.asp?active_page_id=754)

Note: Any incident involving cheating, plagiarism, etc. will affect your course grade and will be reported to both the instructor's as well as to the student's Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

**Students with Disabilities:**

Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the Disability Services Center at 949/824-7494 as soon as possible to better ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion. Students with a registered disability are encouraged to make an appointment with the instructor.

**Workload:**

Students with a large course- or workload and students with weak studying skills/habits are not encouraged to take this class until they solve those problems first. Each class will require approximately two to three hours a day of careful and systematic studying. Without sufficient time and solid studying skills/habits, you will struggle to pass this class. You are strongly advised to evaluate your own situation carefully before deciding to stay in the class.

**Add/Drop Policy:**

The School of Humanities follows the university's deadlines on adding and dropping courses. Students who wish to drop a course must complete the drop in WebReg by the end of the 2nd week of classes. Adds must be processed via WebReg by the end of third week of classes. These deadlines are strictly enforced. Students are responsible for making sure they meet all deadlines. An exception to these policies may be requested only for extenuating and documented circumstances outside the student's control.

**Attendance Policy:**

Class attendance is **mandatory**. Regular class attendance is expected and essential for successful completion of the course. You are allowed to miss class **twice** ("freebees") per quarter. For each absence beyond those two, your course grade will be lowered by **1.0 percent**. I will count **three "tardies"** (10 minutes late) as **one absence**.

**Participation Policy:**

You are expected to participate in ALL class activities. In order to participate, you must be present. If you're not present, -you can't participate! Roll will be taken every day. Class participation includes your contribution, in Spanish, in regular class, as well as in small group activities. You are expected to study all the vocabulary and grammar points at home, ahead of class, so that the limited class time can be spent on practicing and reinforcing the language, rather than mere lecturing. If you are not in class, or in class, but unprepared, or you do not participate, your course grade will be lowered by **0.25 percent** per day.

**Homework:**

These assignments are part of the course and consist of material(s) assigned to be completed outside of the classroom, such as the book's online workbook and lab-manual, exercises from the book, exercises in the computer lab, activities on **Quia!**, **Nulu**, oral presentations, etc. Homework will be checked and may be requested at random. If you miss a day, you are expected to turn in the homework for the missed day on the next day you attend. Failure to complete any given assignment to my satisfaction will result in your course grade being lowered by **0.25 percent**. If you have to be absent, you are expected to call / e-mail a classmate to find out the assignment for the next day so that you will not fall behind. **No late assignments will be accepted.**

Classmate1:
Name __________________ E-Mail __________________ Phone ______________

Classmate2:
Name __________________ E-Mail __________________ Phone ______________

[You are expected to check your e-mail daily!]

**Journals (Diarios):**

These will be written, in an 8½x11 Bluebook, out of class. You may write on any topic you wish, unless I assign a specific topic for a given week, and I will dialogue with you on each journal entry. As a general rule, your Spanish will not be corrected. You are expected to turn in one journal entry per week; I will determine the expected length of the individual entries at the appropriate moment. A missing entry will result in a reduction of your course grade by **1.0 percent**.

**Tests and Quizzes:**

There will be three regular tests. They will test reading comprehension, listening comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and written expression. There are **NO MAKE-UPS** for tests or
quizzes. If a test or quiz is missed due to a documented police, court or medical emergency of your own, the next test or quiz will count double; permission to make-up the last test or quiz is given solely at my discretion. Quizzes may be given at any time and may cover any area studied up to that day.

**Oral Exam:**

Towards the end of the quarter, your oral proficiency in Spanish will be evaluated on the basis of a personal interview, and a prepared dialogue or small group skit. Details will be announced further along in the quarter.

**Final Exam:**

This exam will reflect the overall emphasis given to most of the important skills and tasks practiced in class. The Final exam will be on the day and time indicated on the Registrar's Finals Schedule; place to be announced at a later date. It is your responsibility to resolve any scheduling conflicts you may have due to work, etc., before that date.

**Grading Policy:**

Your COURSE GRADE will be weighted in the following way:

- Test (3) 45%
- Quizzes (7) 15%
- Oral Expression 15%
- Final Exam 25%

**Total:** 100%

The following scale will be used to determine your grade in the course.

Remember: it is the School of Humanities’ policy that, "within the beginning and intermediate foreign language instructional sequences, students must earn a ‘C’, ‘P’ [73%], or better, in order to advance to the next level of instruction".

A+ = 100.0 - 97
A = 96.99 - 93
A- = 92.99 - 90.0

B+ = 89.99 - 87
B = 86.99 - 83
B- = 82.99 - 80.0

C+ = 79.99 – 77
C = 76.99 – 73
C- = 72.99 - 70.0

D+ = 69.99 - 67
D = 66.99 - 63
D- = 62.99 - 60.0

F = 59.99 - 00.00