



BCLA SPAN 3301 Advanced Spanish 1: Grammar and Composition

CAPA BARCELONA PROGRAM

Course Description

Span 301 incluye un estudio detallado de la estructura gramatical de la lengua española enfocado en las expresiones idiomáticas y la sintaxis. También se desarrollan modos diversos de redacción y de conversación alrededor de temas actuales pertinentes al mundo de hispanohablantes en las Américas y en Europa.

Requirements and Prerequisites

Intermediate Spanish 2 or its equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

Práctica oral y escrita; expansión de vocabulario; estudio de modismos y expresiones idiomáticas; estudio de la sintaxis y la estilística al escribir.

Assessment/Grading Policy

Pruebas	20%
Tarea asignada (handed in 2x during the semester)	10%
Asistencia y participación	10%
Presentación	10%
Redacciones (2 composiciones)	20%
Revisiones de redacciones	10%
Examen Final (gramática y ensayo original)	20%

Course Expectations

1. Students are expected to use Spanish at all times, to be well prepared for class, and participate actively in assigned activities.
2. **Attendance.** Two absences are allowed. The final grade (10%) will be dropped on full letter grade (e.g., B to C) for each excessive absence. Students with perfect attendance will receive a full point added to their total final grade point average.
3. **Compositions** should be typed, double spaced. (Very important, since I need to offer comments). Student's name and digital photo should be at the top right corner of first page. Cover/title pages are not necessary, but a title is necessary for original writing assignments.
4. **Late work** is not permissible without **prior** approval and will receive a grade reduction of 1/3 letter grade for each day it is late (example B to B-, B- to C+, etc.). Two "makeup" quizzes allowed per allowed absences within one week of the original quiz upon notifying the professor. Beyond that, no exceptions.
5. The required texts must be brought to each class session.
6. 2-sided photocopies of homework assignments will be handed in per the course outline (2x per semester). Each assignment must be labeled clearly (text or handout, pages and any other pertinent defining information). Adjustments to assignments will be announced in class. Student absences are the responsibility of the student regarding such adjustments. The professor is not a resource when you are absent, but rather your classmates. Stay tuned in.
7. The professor will take attendance daily. Students arriving after instructor has taken attendance will be marked late (late=1/2 absence). Students arriving 15 or more minutes late will be marked absent.
8. **Cellular phones** should be deactivated before students enter the class unless you need to remain cognizant of important matters (I will leave my phone on in case of emergency notification). Try to take care of personal needs before the class starts to avoid interruptions with departures and returns.

9. Students with disabilities. Please let me know the first day of class if you need special accommodations.

The professor reserves the right to modify this syllabus as necessary.

DESCRIPTOR	ALPHA	NUMERIC	GPA	REQUIREMENT/EXPECTATION
Outstanding (High Distinction)	A	93+	4.0	Maximum grade: In addition to description for grade "A-", the student shows detailed understanding of materials about which he or she can show independent analytical ability. This means the ability to question an issue from different perspectives and evaluate responses in an objective manner.
Excellent (Distinction)	A-	90 - 92	3.7	Student shows understanding of literature beyond the textbook/class hand-outs/class notes, and the work shows a high level of independent thought, presents informed and insightful discussion and demonstrates a well-developed capacity for evaluation.
Very good (High Credit)	B+	87 - 89	3.3	Shows evidence of a capacity to generalise from the taught content, or the material in literature, or from class lectures in an informed manner. Also, the work demonstrates a capacity to integrate personal reflection into the discussion and an appreciation of a range of different perspectives.
Good (Credit)	B	83 - 86	3.0	The work is well organised and contains coherent or logical argumentation and presentation.
Good (Credit)	B-	80 - 82	2.7	Student shows understanding of literature beyond the textbook and/or notes, and, there is evidence of additional reading.
Average (Good Pass)	C+	77-79	2.3	The work demonstrates a capacity to integrate research into the discussion and a critical appreciation of a range of theoretical perspectives. Also, the work demonstrates a clear understanding of the question and its theoretical implications and demonstrates evidence of additional reading.
Adequate (Pass)	C	73 - 76	2.0	Shows clear understanding and some insight into the material in the textbook and notes, but not beyond. A deficiency in understanding the material may be compensated by evidence of independent thought and effort related to the subject matter.
Below Average (Borderline Pass)	C-	70-72	1.7	Shows some understanding of the material in the textbook and notes. A deficiency in any of the above may be compensated by evidence of independent thought related to the subject matter.
Inadequate (Borderline Fail)	D+	67 - 69	1.3	Fails to show a clear understanding or much insight into the material in the textbook and notes
Poor (Fail)	D	60 - 66	0.7 - 1.0	Besides the above for D+, student has not shown interest or engagement in the class work or study.
Poor (Fail)	F	<60	0	Shows little or no understanding of any of the material
Incomplete	I			Please see CAPA policy in the Faculty Handbook.

Course Materials

- Avanzando 6th edition (Main textbook and workbook "cuaderno de actividades") – This text is used in SPA302 as well, so the expense will cover two semesters.
- Two short novels about Lola Lago, Detective
- Handouts and films selected by the professor.

Weekly Schedule

To be determined.

Attendance, Participation & Student Responsibilities

Attendance: CAPA has a mandatory attendance policy. Attendance is taken at the beginning of every class. Unauthorized absence from class will result in a reduction of the final grade and potentially a failure for the course.

Missing classes for medical reasons: If you need to miss a class for medical reasons or for a family emergency, you must send an e-mail to let CAPA know at least one hour in advance of your class or meeting at the following e-mail:_____. Note that calling the CAPA Center (_____) is acceptable only if you do not temporarily have access to the internet. An e-mail is still required as quickly as you can get access to the internet again. You will need to provide evidence of the reason for your absence. Unexcused absences will result in a grade reduction. In the event of a missed class or field trip, it is your responsibility to contact your instructor and make up any missed assignments.

Class Participation: Students are expected to participate actively and critically in class discussions, and the participation portion of the class will be graded accordingly. Students must read assignments BEFORE the class, and come in on time. Participation is a vital part of your grade: students are expected to participate orally in seminars and in online forums and discussions in a critical and evaluative manner; to interact with the faculty and fellow students with respect and tolerance; and to actively engage in discussion. Derogatory or inflammatory comments about the cultures, perspectives or attitudes of others in the class will not be tolerated.

Academic Integrity: A high level of responsibility and academic honesty is expected. Because the value of an academic course depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student, it is imperative that a student demonstrates a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work and class behavior. Plagiarism and cheating will result in dismissal from the program. See the Handbook of CAPA Academic Policies for more information and resources on plagiarism.

Use of electronic equipment in class: All devices such as laptops, I-pods, I-pads, netbooks, notebooks and tablets, smartphones, cell phones, etc. are **NOT** allowed unless you have express permission from the faculty or you have been instructed to do so. If you require an accommodation to use any type of electronic equipment, inform CAPA at the beginning of Term.

Use of Electronic Translators: In Language courses students are NOT allowed to use electronic translators for writing texts in the target language: those submitting compositions and texts of whatever kind translated in such a fashion will receive a final F grade for the course.

Late Submission: Late submission of papers, projects, journal entries, pieces of homework and portfolios is only permitted with prior approval. A request must be made to the relevant Faculty member no later than two days prior to the due date. Late submission without prior approval will result in a full alpha grade penalty. In either case, work cannot be submitted after feedback has been provided to the rest of the class on the relevant assessment or one week after the due date whichever comes first, after which point a grade of F will be given for the assessment.

Behavior during Examinations: During examinations, you must do your own work. Unless specifically instructed by the lecturer or instructor, talking during an exam is not permitted, nor may you compare papers, copy from others, or collaborate in any way. Any failure to abide by examination rules will result in failure of the exam, and may lead to failure of the course and disciplinary action.