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Course Description: SPAN-1411 (4 Credit Hours) This is the first semester of academic transfer Spanish. It is an introductory course intended for students with little or no knowledge of the language. Its aim is to present essential vocabulary and grammar, and to develop the pronunciation, listening, reading, and writing skills necessary for basic communication and comprehension. Customs and cultural insights are also presented.

Online Course: This is an online course. The course will use both eCampus (free Blackboard site for the college) and the Cengage Learning Center MindTap Website (access passcode will be provided to the interactive website). There will be no face-to-face meetings. Online meetings can be scheduled as needed.


Mind Tap: SPAN 1411 requires access to the Mind Tap platform for the PLAZAS 5e textbook. This access is purchased. Please follow the procedure below to avoid problems connecting to Mind Tap.
1. Students will first log unto eCampus.
2. Click on the course name “2019FA-SPAN-1411-48400.”
3. Look for the button “Intro. to Online Learning.”
5. Then use the link “MindTap” to access the platform.
6. Set up an account. The course key is available on the button “Course Key- MindTap Learning”. A free trial is available if you click on the button “Continue to Course.” The trial period is two weeks.
7. Once the trial ends, you will need to purchase access and to redeem a book key. There are two options:
a. A reduced price for access only to MindTap for Plazas is available in the Eastfield College Bookstore.

b. The Cengage Unlimited can be helpful to students who take more than one class that uses Cengage publications/books. Cengage Unlimited is $119.99 for a 4-month subscription, $179.99 for a 12-month subscription or $239.99 for a 24-month subscription. Students on Financial Aid can purchase a Cengage Unlimited subscription from the Eastfield bookstore.

Advantages of Cengage Unlimited:

• Print: You'll be eligible for a free print rental when you activate MindTap and subscribe to Cengage Unlimited. All you will pay is $7.99 for shipping. For print you can keep, purchase a loose-leaf version of the textbook at a discount through Cengage Unlimited. Loose-leaf shipping is free when purchased with Cengage Unlimited. The text you’ll be using for this course is Plazas, 5th Edition.

• Bonus: When your Cengage Unlimited subscription ends, you can keep up to six eBooks in a digital locker and access them for one year. (Introductory offer).

Extra Help: cengage.com/start-strong
As a reminder, you should NOT purchase BOTH individual course materials AND a Cengage Unlimited subscription. In many instances, a Cengage Unlimited subscription will be your best option.

Student Learning Outcomes- Span 1411: Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

• 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.
• Understand level-appropriate spoken Spanish.
• Write simple sentences and organize them into paragraphs.
• Read and comprehend level-appropriate texts.
• Identify and discuss traditions, customs and values of the Hispanic world.
• Compare and contrast the traditions, customs, and values of the Hispanic world with characteristics of their own culture.

Core Objectives: SPAN 1411 develops the following Core Objectives:

• Critical Thinking - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
• Communication - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
• Teamwork - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.
• Personal Responsibility to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.
Course Outline:
Capítulo Preliminar- (10/22/19- 10/25/19)
Capítulo 1- (10/26/19-11/1/19)
Capítulo 2 - (11/2/19-11/8/19)
Capítulo 3- (11/9/19-11/15/19)
Midterm examination- 11/15/19
Capítulo 4-(11/16/19-11/22/19)
Capítulo 5- (11/23/19-11/29/19)
Capítulo 6- (11/30/19-12/6/19)
Final examination- 12/12/19

Evaluation Procedures: Students earn points by completing the course requirements.
Presentación (email) .............................................................................................................................................. 25 pts.
Tareas (MindTap Site Assignments 7 chapters X 100pts.)..................................................................................700 pts.
Discussion Board (eCampus participation, 3 forums X 25 pts. ea.)..............................................................75 pts.
Midterm Examination (eCampus platform) ........................................................................................................100pts.
Final Exam (eCampus platform) .....................................................................................................................100pts.
Total....................................................................................................................................................................1000 pts.

At the end of the semester, the points are tallied, and the following grading scale will be used: A = 1000 – 900    B = 899 – 800     C = 799– 700     D = 699- 600     F = 599 and below
*There is a penalty for not completing assignments on time.

Deadlines - Success in language learning and retention depends on systematic, consistent and prompt work. The course outline and checklists list the deadlines. Some may be revised as needed.
➢ Deadlines must be followed to cover the material in sequence.
➢ Due dates are posted on in the course outline.

Information about the Assignments and Tests:

**Presentación:** Is an introduction from yourself. You will provide essential information about you, as your program and faculty, hobbies, telephone number, alternate email, and goals for this course. Please include any experience you have had with the Spanish language, your knowledge on the target language. This assignment will be sent by email.

**Mind Tap Assignments:** Activities must be turned in or submitted on the due date. The due dates are posted on the site, also on your eCampus calendar. You are responsible for reviewing and knowing the vocabulary for each lesson.

**Discussion Board:** Discussion Boards are located on eCampus. For each lesson, students will write in Spanish about themselves and their personal experiences either in sentences or in paragraph to demonstrate writing skills. **PARTICIPATION IN EACH FORUM IS REQUIRED.** Students will demonstrate mastery of the vocabulary and grammar covered in each lesson. Your
discussion post will be evaluated on a quantity and quality basis. To receive full credit, answers must be written in complete sentences and should be relevant. You must write your own post and answer to one of your classmates' posts.

**Midterm Exam:** Will be comprehensive and will cover material from Chapters 1-3. This examination will be taken on eCampus.

**Final Exam:** The final exam will be comprehensive and will cover material presented throughout the semester; Chapters 4-6. This examination will be taken on eCampus.

**Attendance Policy**
This is an online course. The course will use both eCampus (free Blackboard site for the college) and the Mind Tap platform (students purchase an access passcode to the interactive website). Student should log into eCampus and Mind Tap several times throughout the week (5 at least) in order to complete assignments in a timely manner. **To certify your attendance, you must submit your first assignment before October 28, 2019.**

**Withdrawal Policy/ Drop Date:** If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar's Office by November 27, 2019. Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an “F.” If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a “W” (Withdraw) in each class dropped. For more information about drop deadlines, refer to the current printed Credit Class Schedule, contact the Admissions/Registrar’s Office at 972-860-7167 (Room C119), or contact the division office.

**Classroom Etiquette**
- Be prepared. Briefly review notes, the vocabulary, and the grammar before starting up again.
- Speak and write in Spanish in this class.
- Show respect to yourself, your classmates and to the instructor. Do your best and be patient.

*The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.*