

Spanish I
Course Syllabus 2024-2025
Mrs. Rodríguez S.

Course Description and Objectives

Spanish I is an introduction to the Spanish language and the Spanish-speaking world. The course focuses on everyday life situations through the teaching of key phrases and expressions, which the students must learn to be able to communicate in Spanish. The four basic language skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing are covered, with an emphasis on speaking skills. Provisions are made to develop an appreciation for the history, culture, and customs of the countries in which the language is spoken.

Textbook: Encuentros 1

Evaluation (Schoolwide Grading Policy)

- **Minor Grades = 60%** (quizzes, labs, and graded assignments to assess certain standards in a unit of study)

Daily work (every day): Classwork, Homework, and quizzes covering:

- Reading
- Speaking
- Listening
- Writing

Major Grades = 40% (unit tests, essays, research papers, project-based assignments, and culminating assessments to measure mastery of standards that comprise a unit of study)- Projects and Tests

Class Learning Objectives

Students will learn to:

- Communicate in Spanish in and out of the classroom.
- Develop an understanding of customs, arts, literature, and history.
- Understand the geography associated with Spanish-speaking people, making connections and reinforcing knowledge and skills across academic, vocational, and technical disciplines.

Course Policy

Tests and Quizzes: Tests and quizzes will cover key vocabulary terms and grammar rules discussed in class and in the textbook. These may include multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, audio, short answer, and essay questions. Test items will encompass material from lectures, videos, reading assignments, classwork, homework, and computer program assignments.

Warm-up (Bell Ringer, Do Now, Calentamiento): The first five minutes of class will be dedicated to working on previous or current material. Students must begin the given assignment immediately upon entering the classroom.

Class Exercises: Exercises from various resources will be assigned and must be completed during class time. Participation in activities and speaking Spanish is required. Classwork is graded daily, and students must complete class activities every day for a full grade.

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Class Participation: Students are encouraged to answer specific questions during lectures and Spanish activities to allow the instructor to assess comprehension. Speaking in Spanish is required to maintain a good grade.

Projects: Several projects will be assigned during the course. Students are required to read instructions and complete projects. Time may be allowed during class to work on projects, but it is the student's responsibility to finish assignments by the due date. Extra time at home may be necessary.

Homework: Spanish should be practiced daily at home. Students should work on vocabulary lists and practice speaking Spanish to family members. Any kind of practice, such as identifying objects, food, and clothing in Spanish, is beneficial.

Course Assessment Plan

Students will receive a variety of assignments designed to enhance their learning. Late work can negatively impact learning and mastery of standards.

- **Late Work:** Assignments submitted late within 5 school days will be reduced by 5% for each day late. After the fifth school day, late work will not be accepted, and the student will receive a zero. Deductions will be noted in the gradebook.
- **Make-Up Work:** Students with excused absences have up to 5 school days to make up for missing work.

Grade Recovery, Relearning, and Reassessment

Students may retake major grades to replace a grade if all reassessment steps are completed within 5 school days of the grade being returned. Students must request and submit the "Student Relearn/Reassessment Plan form."

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage

Students must produce original work for assignments. Using AI to generate original work is considered academic dishonesty and will be punished according to the Code of Conduct.

Classroom Expectations

- Attend class daily and be on time.
- Take class notes daily.
- Participate (speak Spanish) daily.
- Complete and turn in all assignments on time.
- Communicate academic concerns or issues with Mrs. Rodríguez S.

Classroom Rules

- Be prepared with the required materials every day.
- Be respectful to classmates, the teacher, and yourself.
- Do not line up at the door before the bell; those who do will be the last to leave.
- No cell phones, headphones, earbuds, smart watch or outside electronics allowed in the classroom.

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- No profanity in the classroom.
- No food or drinks allowed, only clear water.
- Obey all school and classroom rules.
- Plagiarism and cheating are prohibited and will result in consequences.
- Remain seated and participate appropriately during direct instruction. No restroom breaks during this time.
- Bathroom breaks are not allowed during the first and last 10 minutes of class or during instructional time. Students must have a bathroom pass and return it.
- Check CANVAS daily for assignments, tests, quizzes, and projects.
- It is the student's responsibility to complete missed work due to absences by visiting CANVAS and making up all work posted.

Course Materials

- Loose-leaf binder with sections for VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR, and CULTURE
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Computer: School issued Laptop - Charged (REQUIRED DAILY)
- Pencils, Pen (black/blue) and red for corrections
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- 3x5 notecards to practice vocabulary

Tutoring and Teacher Communication

Learning a foreign language can be challenging. I am always willing to provide additional help. Students can set up an appointment to meet when necessary. **Thursday is a designated tutoring day, available from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM.** Any other day may be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance to ensure availability.

Contact Information:

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Remind codes by class period:

- **First Period: @ 8f6469**
- **Third Period: @ gf6a7f**
- **Fourth Period: @ 4276k7**
- **Sixth Period: @ 396aae**
- **Seventh Period: @ ka794g3**

To sign up for class reminders, please visit: <http://www.remind.com/join>