

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

SPAN

Course Number

2033

Course Title

Spanish for Heritage Speakers

Catalog Description

This course is designed for native or heritage speakers of Spanish. Course objective is the development of reading and writing skills appropriate to academic and professional settings through the study of orthography, grammar, advanced vocabulary, the analysis of literary texts, and the writing of compositions.

Prerequisite

Department Consent

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact Hours

45 contact hours

Load Hours

3 load hours

Semester Offered

Fall and Spring

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A - F

Learning Outcomes

Listening

- Students will develop comprehension of some unfamiliar dialectal variations of standard Spanish.

Speaking

- Students will communicate more effectively in standard Spanish appropriate to university and professional settings.
- Students will broach topics of public and personal interest and will perform complicated tasks such as describing, narrating, and hypothesizing with increasing accuracy.

Reading

- Students will develop comprehension skills in standard Spanish through discussion and analysis of a variety of written materials.
- Students will identify contributions of Spanish speakers to various areas of U.S. society and the rest of the world.

Writing

- Students will develop competency in spelling, including accurate use of diacritical marks.
- Students will describe and narrate in coherent paragraphs.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, which are substantially free of errors.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.

Standard Practices

Topics List

- Poetry
- Journalism
- Essays
- Myths
- Grammar/Use of advanced grammatical structures such as subjunctive, future perfect and conditional tenses.

Learning Activities

Each week the students have a topic to read about. They will answer questions about the reading posed by the instructor and then they will write a short essay in which they analyze the text. They may also have to view a video and write an opinion essay.

The students also have weekly grammar exercises which they put into practice in their writing.

Assessments

Quizzes, exams, essays, presentations, and verbal assessments. In addition, the students have a final essay. Each semester the instructor will decide on a topic of interest. The students must research, write an essay and present their findings.

Grading guidelines

Standardized quizzes and exams are graded with a common key. Essays, presentations and verbal assessments are graded with a rubric

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