**SPN 1120 & 1121 Elementary Spanish I & II**

**Summer 2017**

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**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

**Blanco/Donley (2014). Aventuras:Primer Curso de Lengua Española. Vistas Higher Learning**

**ISBN:978-1-61857-660-6)**

***Homework in VHLCentral.COM***

**Optional and/or recommended:**

Spanish –English dictionary, (Cuyás, Collins, Larousse, Oxford, or Vox).

**On-line requirements and proficiencies:**   
A. Internet browsing

B. Typing

C. A computer with microphone will be required for this course.(there are computer labs on all campus that are available for you to use.

**Course Description:**

For students without two years of recent high school Spanish completed within the last three years or department approval. The class will emphasize everyday use of the language, integrating basic grammar, vocabulary, composition, and culture through a conversational approach to Spanish. **This class is not open to native or heritage or native speakers. A minimum grade of “C” is required if being used to satisfy the General Education Foreign Language proficiency requirement. A minimum grade of C is also pre-requisite for SPN 1121. Three credits will be earned upon successful completion of this course.**

**NATIVE SPEAKERS AND HERITAGE LEARNERS SPN 1120 (Elementary Spanish I), SPN 1121 (Elementary Spanish II), SPN 1000 (Conversational Spanish I), SPN 1001 (Conversational Spanish II) are classes specifically designed for non-native speakers or no heritage learners. If you are a native speaker or heritage learner, this class is not for you. A native speaker is one who was born and raised in a Spanish-speaking country and has studied the language formerly in elementary school and/or high school in a Spanish speaking country. A heritage learner is one who was born in the United States or moved to the United States from a Spanish-speaking country at a very young age, has never formerly studied the language, but speaks/spoke Spanish at home. A heritage learner can communicate orally with a limited vocabulary but has not fully developed writing or reading skills. In addition, proper sentence formation, correct grammatical usage, and good pronunciation are usually lacking in their conversation. In short, “a student who is raised in a home where a non-English language is spoken, who speaks or merely understand the heritage language and who is to some degree bilingual in English and the Heritage language” (Valdes, 2000) If you are a native speaker, this class is not for you. It is strongly encouraged that you take another language class such as Portuguese, French, German or Latin. Another option is to take the CLEP (College Level Examination Program) Test which awards college credit for demonstrating achievement in a subject by means of a computer-based exam. If you are a Heritage learner, Valencia has created a course for you that will count as Foreign Language credit. This course is called Spanish for Heritage Speakers I and II (SPN 1340 and SPN 1341). These classes are designed for students who have some level of fluency but wish to become more fluent, become better readers in Spanish and become better at expressing themselves orally and in written form in Spanish all while improving their vocabulary and grammar. SPN 1340 will be offered in the Fall 2015. To both Native Speakers and Heritage Learners: You are strongly encouraged to drop this course. If it is suspected that you are a Native Speaker or Heritage Learner, you will be asked to take a placement exam at the beginning of the semester. If the results of this exam indicate that you are indeed a Native speaker or Heritage learner, you will be asked to drop the course. If you do not, you will be dropped administratively. If the results of this exam indicate that you belong in Elementary Spanish but later your work indicates that you are a Native speaker or Heritage learner, you will be dropped from the course. That is to say, it is within your best interest to do your very best on the placement exam so that in the event you are a Native speaker or Heritage learner you will have time to register in a different class or take the CLEP test. If you do not do your very best on the placement exam and weeks into the semester you demonstrate that you are a native speaker or Heritage learner, you will be dropped from the course leaving you no time to register for another class. For Elementary language courses, we don’t allow students to use any elements of the language that we are not specifically learning in the class. Why is this? Because this is a good indication that somebody else is doing their work for them or they are using an online translator. If this happens, they receive a very low grade or a zero. For students that have some level of fluency (Native speakers or Heritage learners), it is inevitable that they use elements of the language that is not in our learning parameters. They as well, receive a low grade or a zero. As a result, in order to get a good grade, Native speakers and Heritage Learners feel forced to use a level of the language that is lower than their level of proficiency. As a result, no real learning is taking place. For this reason, we offer many other languages or Spanish for Heritage Speakers.**

**Course Objectives:**

Our objective is for students to achieve a novice level of proficiency in the target language (in writing, speaking, reading, and listening) as well as some awareness of the Hispanic culture, which will allow students to continue to the next course. In addition to competencies acquired at the end of this course, at the end of the semester you will be expected to be able to use the target language at an intermediate - novice level by the end of the semester.

**Core Competencies:**

In addition to our program competencies, Valencia faculty has defined four interrelated competencies (Value, Think, Communicate, and Act) that prepare students to succeed in the community. These competencies are outlined in the College Catalog. In this course, through classroom lecture and discussion, group work, and other learning activities, you will further develop your mastery of these core competencies.

**Class Competencies:**

This course will develop your mastery in the following areas: Reading skills (literal/critical comprehension); listening skills (literal/critical comprehension); speaking skills (composing and transmitting the message, using oral skills suitable to topic, purpose and audience).

**Attendance:**

Regularity in classroom attendance is vital to academic success. Students who do not maintain regular attendance and who fall behind in their work are subject to withdrawal by the instructor.

**ATTENDANCE:**

# Absences points #absences points

0 100 6 70

1 96 7 66

2 90 8 60

3 86 9 56

4 80 10 50

5 76 11 + 48

**Withdrawal Policy**

Per Valencia Policy 4-07 (Academic Progress, Course Attendance and Grades, and Withdrawals), a student who withdraws from class before the established deadline for a particular term will receive a grade of “W”.

· A student may withdraw at any time during the term in Atlas up until the withdrawal deadline of June 27, 2014.

· After the withdrawal deadline each semester, students can no longer withdraw themselves.

• . WP and WF have been deleted from Withdrawal procedures

• Before the withdrawal deadline, both a student and faculty may withdraw

the student

• After the withdrawal deadline, a student cannot withdraw him-/herself.

· Any student knowing that he/she is not going to pass the course stops coming to class will receive an F for the course unless he/she withdraws himself before the withdrawal date of \_\_SEE SCHEDULE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Excessive absences/ Lateness. Tardiness of fifteen minutes or early departure will count as a miss hour. A professor can withdraw you from a course for excessive absences without your permission. (2002-03 College Catalog p.62) Do not leave early without informing me. This is disruptive and rude.

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting or is clearly disrespectful of the instructor or fellow students will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include but is not limited:

· Rude or disrespectful behavior;

· . Unwarranted interruptions;

· . Failure to adhere to instructor’s directions;

· . Vulgar or obscene language, slurs, or other forms of intimidation;

· . Physically or verbally abusive behavior.

Student’s behavior that is inappropriate will result in disenrollment from the course.

*If a student knowing he/she is not passing the course but fail to withdraw by SEE SCHEDULE but decides to stop coming to class should know the professor will not withdraw him/her from the course and the grade of F will be assigned.*

**Method of Instruction:**

The course will be taught through a combination of lecture, hands-on classroom exercises and homework assignments. Students should not assume that there will be class time to complete homework assignments.

**Grading:** Your grade will be calculated as follows for each course.

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| Attendance  Class Participation  Homework/Hybrid component | 100 points  100 points  100 points |
| Oral presentation | 30 points |
| Writing | 20 points |
| 4 Chapter Test (50 pints each one)  1 Quizzes (30 points) | 200 points/30 points |
| Final Exam | 100 points |

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| **GRADING:** Your grade will be calculated as follows: | |
| 90-100 | A |
| 80-89 | B |
| 70-79 | C |
| 60-69 | D |
| 59 - 0 | F |

**Exams**

**· Throughout the course you will have chapter exams and quizzes.**

**· The lowest grade will be dropped per semester. If you miss one EXAM, it will be considered your lowest grade to be eliminated from calculation**

**· There will be NO MAKE-UP EXAMS regardless of excuse. If you miss ONE exam, regardless of your excuse, it will be considered your lowest exam grade and will be dropped. All other exams will be calculated into your grade.**

**· There will be 5 exam/quizzes**

**· You are not permitted to leave the room during an exam. Make sure you go to the bathroom and have something to drink before you enter the classroom to take the exam.**

**Writing:**

**Writing assignments will be given to evaluate the students’ writing skills. These writing assignments are designed to evaluate the progress of the student and the student alone. Writing assignments will be assigned in class.**

**o DO NOT WRITE IN ENGLISH FIRST AND ATTEMPT TO TRANSLATE. This usually results in using an on-line translator or using a spanish-speaking friend to translate it.**

**o This is an elementary Spanish class. All writing assignment should contain the material that we are learning in class….nothing more, nothing less.**

**o If there is anything in your paper that would indicate to the professor that you used a translator or a spanish-speaking friend/family member, YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO on the assignment with no chance of a make-up. This matter will not be up for discussion or debate. It could also result in you being dropped from the class or expulsion from Valencia College. (Indicators are sentence structure, grammar/verb conjugation not covered in class, advanced vocabulary, slang etc.). IT IS BETTER TO DO YOUR OWN WORK AND LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES AND LOSE A FEW POINTS THAN GET A ZERO AND LEARN NOTHING**

**o Writing activities are due on the day the professor specifies. This means that you come to class with the writing assignment in your hand ready to hand in.**

**o All writing assignments are to be typed using 14 font and double spaced. Papers that do not include this criteria will not be accepted.**

**o All writing assignments are to be ‘clean’. There should be no writing, words scratched out etc on your writing assignments. Writing assignments that are not ‘clean’ will not be accepted.**

**o Do not ask if you can turn in an assignment late.**

**· LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED REGARDLESS OF YOUR EXCUSE. It is your responsibility to manage your time wisely and to have a working computer. You will receive a ZERO if work is not handed in on time. The rubric for writing assignments is attached to this syllabus.**

**Homework in Supersite**

***The supersite can be found at VHLCentral.com. This is the online component of the textbook where you will do many of the activities of the course and keep track of your grade.* The assigned activities will be listed in the calendar of the website. The activities will include extensive grammar-driven practice, vocabulary practice, listening practice, oral communication activities, reading activities as well as activities to develop your oral proficiency. These activities will assist the student in internalizing the material they have learned. Homework will be completed on the dates that appear in the calendar in VHLCentral.com. There will be homework most days of the week. This is to ensure that you are staying in touch with the course on a daily basis.**

**For further instruction with the Supersite, please refer to this link.**

[**http://www.vhlcentral.com/section/212218/student\_instructions**](https://webmail.valenciacollege.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=CBeiF7UYA0y03yUREPx683u2gUOUNtEI-lZ6XjDLeeQt_J3tuLwkb3ZWwIuNT4uv6jAgBJDyNj0.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.vhlcentral.com%2fsection%2f212218%2fstudent_instructions)

**Some things to remember in regards to the Supersite**

**I. THE PROFESSOR WILL NOT REMIND YOU EVERYDAY TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK.**

**II. You may submit up to ONE day late on the Supersite. This will result in a 50% deduction in your grade for those assignments.**

**In other words, please be responsible and manage your time wisely and make sure you have a working computer. Remember, there are computer labs on all Valencia Campuses that are available to you the student.**

**III. Submissions that appear to have been done by somebody else (i.e. a native speaker, google translate) will receive a grade of zero.**

***Final Exam:***

**THE FINAL EXAM is 100 points. Class participation and perfect attendance do not mean that you will pass the course*.*You will take one final comprehensive exam. The final exam will cover chapters \_6 a 10\_. Students who do not take the final exam will receive an F in the class.**

**Assignments:** All assignments are due on the specified date in **VHLCENTRAL.COM**. Being absent to class is not an excuse to turn in your homework late. Make sure you contact a classmate – e-mail or phone – to get the information you missed. Calling me or e-mailing me only and not receiving a prompt response will not be an excused absence.

**Oral Presentations:** You will have oral presentations in Spanish. No make-up. Reasonable excuses will be individually evaluated.

**Participation:** Participation grade is separate from attendance. You have to be willing to participate and ready with your work every day. This is not the place to sleep or to do homework from other classes.

**Participation in class involves a number of variables, including but not limited to:**

• Your use of Spanish in the classroom.

• Your willingness to participate actively in *all* class activities.

• Your cooperation during group and pair work.

• Your respect and attitude toward the class and your peers.

• Your daily preparation for each class.

• Your instructor may assign written homework that will be collected and graded; these

Assignments form part of your participation grade

***Participation does not mean interrupting the class, leaving the room and coming back, and/or just asking questions.***

***CLASS PARTICIPATION:***

***A (90-100) Student prepares for the lesson, volunteers answers, responds correctly.***

***B (89-80) Student responds when called upon; answers are generally correct.***

***C (79-70) Student has some problems with the subject, but makes an effort to be***

***Prepared, understand, and respond.***

***D (69-60) Student does not respond correctly, is not prepared for class, does***

***Not have materials ready, and is absent frequently.***

***F (59-0) Student can’t answer questions, does other things not concerning class,***

***and is absent most of the time.***

**Student Conduct and Academic Honesty:**

**Each student is required to follow Valencia policy regarding academic honesty. All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the student’s individual thoughts, research, and self-expression unless the assignment specifically states “group project.” Any act of academic dishonesty will be handled in accordance with Valencia policy as set forth in the Student Handbook and Catalog.**

* Exams and homework are considered individual effort; any submissions that are

too similar for coincidence will receive no credit. This include any composition where a translator has been used or where the level of proficiency is higher than the one shown in class.

Students may *collaborate* in group assignments. Collaboration should be used to edit or to

clarify doubts. If anyone is involved in incidents of cheating a zero will be given. Each

student is expected to be in complete compliance with the college policy on Academic

Honesty as set forth in the admissions catalog and the student handbook. Any student(s)

cheating on an exam will receive a zero on the exam. This cannot be replaced with the

final score and the professor at his/her discretion can withdraw you from the class.

* Students are responsible for preparing for class by reading pre-assigned readings

and completing assignments.

* Students who are absent are fully responsible for all material covered in class. Leaving a message on my phone or sending an e-mail will not be an excused absence. Make sure you can contact your classmates too.
* Students should bring the textbook and any other material required for class.
* During exams and quizzes, students may not leave the room.
* What is plagiarism?
* "To plagiarize is to present another person's words or ideas as if they were your own.

Plagiarism is like stealing" (Troyka 487). Most students know that they guilty of plagiarism if

they copy another person's workfor example, cutting and pasting from the Internetwithout

giving the author or the website credit for the work. They know, too, that they should credit

sources for quotations from books, websites, plays, poems, short stories, novels, lectures, or

magazines if they use them in the text of a paper. But you may not know that you are also

guilty of plagiarism "if you half-copy the author's sentenceseither by mixing the author's

well-chosen phrases with your own without quotation marks or by plugging in your synonyms

into the author's sentence structure" (Hacker 211). This often happens when you are

summarizing an author's ideas by merely changing some of his/her words. This type of direct

paraphrasing, called “plagi-phrasing,” is a common practice among students because they

think that if they have changed a few words, they are not plagiarizing. Yet any time you copy

an author’s pattern of ideas, you are plagiarizing IF the source of the original material from

which you summarized is not properly documented.

* **The instructor’s office extension is\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Messages should consist of your name, your class and class time, and a brief message. Questions such as “What did we cover in class?” will not result in a response. Due to the problem of “phone tag”, student phone calls will normally not be returned. Emails with specific questions will be answered as soon as possible, usually within 24 hours (during week days). Students who need more than a brief response should arrange a meeting with the instructor.
* Wandering in and out of the classroom without prior permission is unacceptable and you could lose participation points for doing so. Doing such things will affect your grade.
* Also, improper conduct like interrupting too much, talking with peers, been disrespectful to professor and peers will affect your grade. Joking and having small conversations while the professor or peers are talking are considered disruptive behavior and it will not be tolerated.
* ***Cellular phones cannot be on your desk at any time. Text messaging or answering your cell phone while in-class will be considered disruptive behavior and can be a cause for your dismissal from class. NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND NO TEXT MESSAGING.***
* ***At no time will you be allowed to listen to your IPOD or MP3 player in class. You are not allowed to have any music device on your desk. Also, notebooks (computers) are not to be used during class. It is distracting to other students.***
* The use of the computers in the language lab is exclusively for activities relevant to the class. The language lab is not a printing lab, so you are not allowed to print papers in the language lab. Also, you are not allowed to "chat" or go to sites like “My space" or check your bank account during your time in the lab. You will be warned not to do so once but if the behavior continues, you could be asked to leave the language lab. You are not to modify any hardware or software system configuration or setting. Activities not in accordance with the Valencia Student Code of Conduct will be considered a violation.

**VCC Expected student conduct:** **10-03 Student Code of Conduct**

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| **Specific Authority:** | 1006.60, FS. |
| **Law Implemented:** | 1006.60, FS. |

Valencia Community College is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and learning, and to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia, a student assumes the responsibility for knowing and abiding by the rules of appropriate behavior as articulated in the Student Code of Conduct. The primary responsibility for managing the classroom environment rests with the faculty. Faculty may direct students who engage in inappropriate behavior that results in disruption of a class to leave the class.  Such students may be subject to other disciplinary action which may include a warning, withdrawal from class, probation, suspension, or expulsion from the college.  Please read the Student Code of Conduct in the current Valencia Student Handbook.

Here is the link to Valencia’s Student Code of Conduct website: <http://www.valenciacollege.edu/policies/policydetail2.cfm?PolicyCatID=10&PolicyID=3>

**WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING**

1. Your Valencia Photo I.D. is REQUIREDfor all tests!

2. Valencia Photo IDs are taken in the Student Development offices on each campus (West Campus office is on the 1st floor of Building 3). The Valencia photo I.D. also has your VID

number on it.

1. The name of the course you are taking and your instructor’s name.

4. All supplies you will need to take the test. If your test requires bluebooks or green scantron sheets, purchase them in the bookstore. The Testing Center does not provide notebook paper, pens or pencils. Dictionaries and calculators may be borrowed.

**WHAT YOU DO NOT BRING**

1. Beepers, cell phones, personal tape or CD players, palm pilots, laptop computers.

2. Food or beverages. You will not be allowed to take these to your seat.

3. Children are not permitted in the Testing Center – The Testing Center does not provide sitting services during your test.

**ATLAS and Blackboard.**  By now, I am sure you are familiar with ATLAS. I will encourage learning how to use all the features this program offers. I will be using ATLAS to communicate with you. Please, check your e-mails daily.

**Students with Disabilities:**

Studentswho qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first week of class.  The Office for Students with Disabilities (West-SSB 102) determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities.

The goal at the OSD is to open doors, remove barriers and assist you in any way the can. The key to success is matching your needs to the services provided. Please contact this office to discuss your individual needs.

Here is the link to Valencia’s OSD website: http://www.valenciacollege.edu/osd

**West Campus   
SSB, Rm. 102  
Ph: 407-582-1523  
Fax: 407-582-1326  
TTY: 407-582-1222**

**Valencia I.D. Cards**

Valencia ID cards are required for LRC, Testing Center, and IMC usage. No other form of ID at those locations will be accepted. Possession and utilization of a Valencia ID is mandatory in order to obtain these services.

**Disclaimer Statement:** This outline may be altered, at the instructor’s discretion, during the course of the term. It is the responsibility of the student to make any adjustments as announced.

**SPN 1121 Professor: Amarilis Fernandez**

**Summer2017 Aventuras Clases: Martes y jueves**

**Mayo**

Semana 1

9 Introduce of course. Introduce Lesson 6.

11 Continue Lesson 6

Semana 2

16 Continue Lesson 6

18 Continue Lesson 6

Semana 3

23 Examen lesson 6. Introduce Lesson 7

25 Continue Lesson 7

Semana 4

30 Continue Lesson 7

**Junio**

1 Continue Lesson 7

Semana 5

6 Continue Lesson 7

8 Examen Lesson 7. Introduce Lesson 8

Semana 6

13 Continue Lesson 8

15 Continue Lesson 8

Semana 7

20 Continue Lesson 8

22 Examen Lesson 8. Introduce Lesson 9

Semana 8

27 Continue Lesson 9

29 Continue Lesson 9

**Julio**

Semana 9

4 No clases--------College closed-----------

6 Continue Lesson 9

------JULY 7 ------WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE “W” GRADE (11:59pm)

Semana 10

11 Examen Lesson 9. Intoduce Lesson 10

13 Continue Lesson 10

Semana 11

18 Continue Lesson 10

20 Continue Lesson 10

Semana 12

25 Examen Lesson 10. Review Final Exam.

27 Presentación Oral “**En el Restaurante**”(pretérito)

**August**

Semana 13

1 Examen Final Chapters 6 to 10