

Course Syllabus

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Department of Humanities and Foreign Languages

Valencia College – East Campus

Course Name: SPAN 1340 Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1

Location: [Online Course](#)

Credit Hours: 4 Credit Hours

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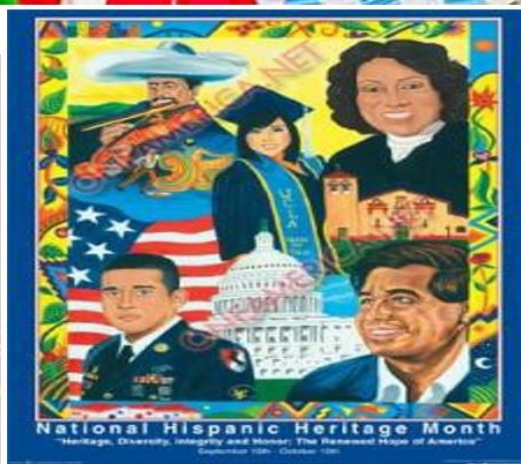
Office Hours:

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¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to **Spanish 1340**.

Heritage language is the language which an individual typically first learns (e.g. Spanish) but has not been completely acquired because of the switch to another dominant language (e.g. English)

Maria Polinsky



SPAN 1340 Online:

It requires **self-discipline and time commitment**. This is not a self-paced course. All assignments, activities, and assessments are due according to the calendar of deadlines in [Canvas](#) and on the [Pearson's MyLanguagesLab](#) (<https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mylanguage/abs/>) online homework website. Only under extenuating circumstances will your professor make exceptions to the deadlines. If you feel you lack the self-discipline, motivation, and time it requires for you to be successful in this course, you may want to consider the classroom setting instead. Keep up with the pace of the course and ask for help as soon as you feel you need it.

Course Description & Learning Objectives

PREREQUISITE: No Course Prerequisite (but must be a Spanish Heritage Speaker)

This course requires self-discipline and time commitment. This course requires completion of [online homework](#) assignments on the [MyLanguagesLab Pearson platform](#) (<https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mylanguage/abs/>) (<http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mylanguage/abs/>) as well as online [Discussion posts](#), [research projects](#), & other assignments/ activities on [Canvas](#) (<https://online.valenciacollege.edu/login/canvas>). Keep up with the pace of the course and don't forget to ask for help as soon as you feel you need it.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: SPANISH FOR HERITAGE SPEAKERS 1 This course is designed for heritage speakers of Spanish who have acquired oral proficiency in a non-academic environment. The activities in this course will improve several aspects of language learning: oral comprehension, speaking, reading comprehension and analysis, and writing skills. The emphasis will be on improving linguistic skills through specific grammatical and lexical studies designed to meet the particular needs of heritage speakers of Spanish with a special attention to Hispanic culture. A minimum

grade of “C” is required if being used to satisfy the General Education Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement and to be able to take the second course in the series (Spanish 1341).

RATIONAL FOR COURSE:

The course emphasizes the mastery of writing, reading and oral communication skills, with particular attention given to the issues of interference of English, code switching, vocabulary building, writing / orthography and reading comprehension. Students will write, make oral presentations and read materials of a cultural/literary nature, emphasizing the relationship between the culture of the United States and Latino cultures.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Develop the ability to listen, derive meaning from, and communicate in formal settings
- Improve command of spoken Spanish by correcting those errors common to Heritage speakers
- Write Spanish more coherently using correct patterns of standard grammar and
- Read Spanish with improved comprehension
- Develop professional/academic writing skills
- Expand your functional vocabulary, in particular, the language of the Hispanic professional/academic world.
- Promote a better understanding of the diversity of the Latino cultures in the USA and abroad
- Enhance comprehension and appreciation of the diversity and commonality of the Hispanic heritage from historic, social, political and artistic points of

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

To successfully complete this course the students will be able to:

Use a variety of communicative strategies while engaging in conversations within the Hispanic cultural/academic/professional environment understand the cultures and values of the Hispanic world within the context of the U.S. and Latin America.

Assess the context of production of linguistic exchanges and command the different linguistic registers used depending on the context (e.g. formal versus informal situations).

Use critical thinking and problem-solving skills while reading authentic materials in Spanish.

Understand the key elements of writing, including grammar and writing formulas, and apply that knowledge to a wide range of texts in Spanish such as literary, journalistic, academic, technical and business-related texts.

Understand basic public speaking techniques and apply them in oral presentations.

Required Textbooks / Materials

Please note that this is a package that already includes a textbook, online access, and a Heritage Speaker online activity workbook – all of which are required for the course. It is available at the [East Campus Valencia College Bookstore](https://www.valenciabookstores.com/buy_textbooks.asp) ^{en} (https://www.valenciabookstores.com/buy_textbooks.asp) or directly from the publisher (however, make sure that you purchase the correct textbook package by using the exact ISBN number below).

(1) **Textbook:** Author: Nibert, Holly J. and Abbott, Annie R.

Title: “Día a Día: De lo personal a lo profesional” AC MULTI-SEMESTER & HERITAGE SPEAKER ONLINE ACTIVITIES WORKBOOK.

Edition: 2nd Edition

ISBN: 9780135980903 (for 2nd Edition)

Publisher: Pearson

(2) Online Access Code to MyLab Pearson Homework platform (it is included with the purchase of the new textbook package)

(<http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mylanguagelabs/>) ^{en}

(<http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mylanguagelabs/>.)

(3) Printed Copy of Syllabus

Materials/Technology Requirements:

- A reliable computer with up to date operational system capable of running the required browsers (only Firefox or Google Chrome) and required programs.
- Speakers (or earphones)
- A hi-speed modem (Cable or DSL strongly recommended to access audio and video without delays)
- A dependable Internet Service Provider (ISP)
- A working Valencia E-mail address
- Webcam/microphone: Most computers come with an integrated microphone, but it is better to purchase one to avoid audio background noise. You will need this to complete your projects and activities in the Pearson's MyLab and on Canvas.
- Skype account
- Canvas App recommended – it will notify you when announcement and work are posted.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to purchase the correct version of the textbook package and access code **by the first week of class.**

Course Evaluation

Module/Chapter Exams (3)	15%
Pearson's 'My Spanish Lab' Online Homework	28%
Participation / Canvas Discussions	22%
Presentations / Projects	20 %
FINAL EXAM	15%

Grading Scale

A: 90 – 100 **B:** 80 – 89 **C:** 70 – 79 **D:** 60 – 69 **F:** 0 – 59

Spanish Course: Policies and Procedures

Please read these policies carefully. It is your responsibility to ask questions about these policies and procedures if there is anything you do not understand.

Presentations & Projects

Oral presentations & Projects (20%): There will be different types of oral assessments in the course. You will be using your webcam, Canvas and a program of your choice for audio visual presentations and Skype for oral interviews.

You will be using Photo Story®/iMovie or any format mention in the orientation for most oral presentations. If you do not know how to do use the programs available for you, please refer to: "[Welcome to SPN 1340 – Orientation – Start HERE!!](#)" tutorial on [Canvas](#) which contains videos and written instructions. Remember that all oral presentations are to be recorded in Spanish.

Exams

EXAMS: There are **three exams** in this course (one per Module). They will be used to calculate the final exam percentage which will count for **15%** of your total grade.

Chapter Tests (15%): All chapter tests will be administered online via computer under time constraints on the MyLabs Pearson on-line homework platform. Keep in mind that the Pearson on-line homework website does not support test taking with your phone or tablet. The best preparation method for tests is by keeping up with your homework and participation in the discussions on Canvas. Tests will be administered at the end of each lesson accessed within Pearson on-line homework website. Be aware that there will be no make-up tests. You will see an announcement in Canvas letting you know when tests are opened. Tests will be open to take for 48 hours so plan accordingly as to when you will sit to complete them. Due dates could vary, but the deadline will be at 11:59pm Eastern time.

Note: If you miss an exam you will receive a 0 (zero). **You only have one attempt for each exam.** If you have technical problems you should contact me immediately via email at jsalto@valenciacollege.edu (<mailto:jsalto@valenciacollege.edu>) and then continue checking your email for additional notifications from me about the course of action you should take after your issue is resolved. You should also contact the Pearson website's tech support for additional help. **Note that you cannot wait until one hour before the due time to attempt the test then email me regarding any problems you encounter because you will miss the deadline.**

IMPORTANT:

FINAL EXAM: You will take one final comprehensive exam per semester (which will cover all the material covered throughout the semester). **THE FINAL EXAM IS 15 % OF YOUR GRADE.**

Final Exam (15 %): You will arrange to go to a Valencia testing center or approved testing site near your location to take the final exam.

If you live outside the Orlando area and cannot take a proctored exam at one of Valencia College's Testing Centers, you need to [fill out this form Requesting to take a proctored exam at the Testing Center of another institution](#) and e-mail it to your professor four to five weeks prior to the date of the scheduled proctored exam.

The Final Exam expectations are the same as for other exams. The Final Exam is **NOT** open book/ open note.

1. This exam must be taken in one of Valencia's testing centers or approved testing center, using Canvas.
2. If you do not live in the Central Florida area, you may arrange to take the exam at an accepted proctored site. You **must** make this arrangement **at the beginning of the semester** to make sure the site has Valencia's compatible software. See the student resources link for exam sites.
3. When you take the exam you must show your Valencia ID.
4. Each of Valencia's testing centers has different days and hours of operation. Some of their hours may be different from the times posted on their webpage. Please double-check that the hours of operation at the Valencia testing center you intend to use.
5. None of the Valencia's testing centers are opened on Sunday.
6. Saturday hours are limited.
7. None of the testing centers will allow you to sit for the exam one hour prior to the center's closing time.
8. The open hours I allow for the exam do not reflect the hours of the testing centers.
9. You are not allowed to have notes, books, or any other study aids during the exams.

The goal of the final exam is to assess your ability to assimilate what you have learned about Spanish grammar, vocabulary, language, writing and information from your Discussion post and culture. The final exam will be comprehensive and cumulative in nature. The test is not curved and no make-up test will be given. **Check schedule for opening and closing date for the Final Exam.**

Online Homework Activities via Pearson's 'My Language Lab' (28%):

This course requires completion of [online homework](#) assignments on the [Pearson's MyLab platforms](#) (<http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mylanguage/pe> (<http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/mylanguage/pe>)). 'Pearson's MyLab' is one of the two learning management systems you will use in this course. The activities assigned in "MyLab" are listed in the **Calendar** on the MyLab website for **both the book, "Día a Día" online activities and the "Heritage Speaker Workbook" online activities.** These activities are graded and averaged as part of the overall grade. MyLab activities will need to be completed by the dates that appear on the MyLab calendar. Late MyLab activities incur a penalty of 10% reduction for each day they are late. Submissions after 9 days of the due date will obtain a zero grade. As with any website, you might experience tech issues with the site. Make sure you report tech issues to tech support. Do not email me before you do that. Any email referring to tech issues with MyLab should include the incident report number they will provide you.

Attendance/Activity Policy Online:

Attendance in an online class is based on a student's completion of assignments, quizzes, discussion board postings, and tests.

This course is web-based, fully online and considered a "WWW" course. Students are expected to complete and participate in ALL online activities and assignments. Participation in online discussions are similar to attendance in a face-to-face class and joining in group discussions is an absolute requirement. Therefore, you should not miss these asynchronous activities because once a discussion opportunity is missed, it is not possible to make it up. Assignments that are not turned in to Canvas or the Pearson (MyLanguagesLab) online homework website will receive 0 points, and missed exams cannot be retaken. (See above for *MyLanguagesLab* online activities late deduction policy.) Be sure to provide pertinent documentation deemed acceptable by the instructor for any excused absence from a discussion group or delayed assignment. Also note that there are no 'Incompletes' given in this course.

For severe **medical conditions** that result in excessive absences, consult the Dean of Students concerning Valencia's medical withdrawal policy. International students, and students receiving financial aid, should be aware of how a "W" will affect their status.

<http://international.valenciacollege.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/> [↗] (<http://international.valenciacollege.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/>)

http://valenciacollege.edu/finaid/satisfactory_progress.cfm [↗] (http://valenciacollege.edu/finaid/satisfactory_progress.cfm)

Attendance 1st Week of Class:

VERY IMPORTANT: College policy requires that students who are not attending class the first week of classes to be withdrawn from the course. In an online class, attendance is documented by participation. Your orientation quiz is proof of attendance the first week of classes. Thus, it is very important that during the first week of class you complete the new student orientation, create your own Pearson My Language Lab account, and complete the [orientation quiz](#).

Failure to do so will result in being withdrawn from the course during the 1st week of classes.

NOTE: If you stop attending class (or stop completing work) after the 1st week of class, you need to Withdraw yourself by the Withdraw deadline if you don't plan on finishing the course. If you simply stop completing the work and if you do not withdraw yourself, after missing 5 assignments in the course, you will be Withdrawn from the course by the instructor.

Discussion Board / Participation

Participation/ Canvas Discussions (22%): You are required to complete the activities listed in the discussion board, then to check regularly to review the responses of other students, and to add follow-up comments whenever applicable to contribute to the academic discussion thoughtfully and with detail. I will be monitoring your progress and the quality of your responses throughout the course. To receive full credit you are required to post one original comment and reply to 5 or more postings.

The guidelines to receive full credit for discussions are as follows:

- Post an original comment due Friday
- Read at least seven other responses
- Reply to a **minimum** of five (5) or more peers' responses by Sunday
- Observe the Rules of Netiquette when posting responses. For more information go to: <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html> [↗] (<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>)
- You are required to post before midnight and will have until Sunday to respond to other students. No late postings will be accepted.
- Try not post to comments with original postings that have five (5) responses already.
- **The responses to your peers in your Discussion posts should Not be short 2-3 sentences. Reply posts should be thoughtful and insightful responses at least a paragraph long.**

In addition to discussions, this percentage of your grade also includes meet your professor and other activities that will be announce during the semester.

Tutoring Center & The Language Lab

[The Language Lab](https://valenciacollege.edu/students/learning-support/east/language/) ^{en} (<https://valenciacollege.edu/students/learning-support/east/language/>) / the tutoring center is available to any student enrolled in a Spanish class (or any foreign language course). **It is located inside the library in the East Campus in Building 4, room 120.** It is designed to help students who need additional time or support in mastering concepts or answering specific topic-related questions. Tutors may answer questions related to online homework, such as confusion with instructions or a particular concept, but they cannot complete assignments for you. Be sure to come to the tutoring center with a particular question(s) in mind.

Registration Information & Withdraw Policy

1. It is also your (the student's) responsibility to withdraw from a course if you stop attending class. The last date for students to **Withdraw from a course and receive a "W"** is listed at the bottom of the [Course Calendar](#).
2. If you have questions about placement once the course begins, please e-mail me **immediately**, and explain your concern immediately.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

1. A student is permitted to withdraw from a class on or before the withdrawal deadline, as published in the College calendar. **the Withdraw deadline for the semester is in the Valencia website** ^{en} (<https://valenciacollege.edu/academics/calendar/>) in the 'Important Dates & Deadline' Calendar link. A student is not permitted to withdraw from a class after the withdrawal deadline.
2. A faculty member is permitted to withdraw a student from the faculty member's class for violation of the faculty member's attendance policy with written notification to the student prior to the beginning of the final exam period, as published in the faculty member's syllabus. A faculty member is not permitted to withdraw a student from his or her class as a response to student conduct which falls under the jurisdiction of the Student Code of Conduct (6Hx28:10-03).
3. A student who withdraws from a class before the withdrawal deadline will receive a grade of "W." A student who is withdrawn by a professor will receive a grade of "W." A student who is withdrawn for administrative reasons at any time will receive a grade of "W" or other grade as determined in consultation with the professor. Any student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a class during a third or subsequent attempt in the same course will be assigned a grade of "F".
4. A student who receives a grade of "W" will not receive credit for the course, and the W will not be calculated in the student's grade point average; however, the enrollment will count in the student's total attempts in the specific credit hours.
5. If a student withdraws from a class, the student may, upon request and only with the faculty

member's permission (which may be withheld at any time in the sole discretion of the faculty member), continue to attend the course. If a student is withdrawn by a faculty member or is administratively withdrawn, the student is not permitted to continue to attend the class.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

You are responsible for understanding what constitutes academic dishonesty which is set forth in the admission's catalogue and the student handbook. In this Spanish class — as in any class—each student must work alone on anything (homework, exams, discussions, compositions) turned in for a grade. Therefore, the following cases would be included under academic dishonesty:

- Working with one or more other students on homework that is to be turned in for a grade, unless specifically directed to work in groups by the professor.
- Copying another student's homework, copying homework from other resources like online (or from Google)
- Passing information about the content of an exam to another student
- Using an online translation service to write any assignment for the course
- Self-plagiarism: re-submitting previously submitted work from another course (or a previous course), once again for a another grade
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Violation of academic integrity includes copying homework or otherwise turning in work that is not original to you. Cheating in this case applies both to the copier and the person who allows his/her work to be copied. If students believe they are wrongfully graded they must approach their instructor with an explanation. We encourage you to study with others, but not to produce any work submitted for a grade under the direction of others (including internet resources or resources of any other kind). If a student's work is found to fit any of the academic dishonesty cases, **the assignment, quiz or exam submitted will receive a grade of zero.** If a student is caught cheating on one activity in MySpanishLab the student will receive a 0 for all activities completed in that one Chapter, not just the single activity.

STUDENT CONDUCT:

Valencia College is dedicated to promoting honorable personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia, a student assumes the responsibility for knowing and abiding by the rules articulated in the Student Code of Conduct (6Hx28:10-03). The instructor reserves the right to refer students who engage in activities that are disruptive to the learning environment to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

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 me during my office hours.

- In addition, Valencia College strives to provide a drug-free learning environment for all those involved in the academic experience. Our policy is as follows:

POLICY: In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, Valencia College will take such steps as are necessary in order to adopt and implement a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by Valencia College students or employees on college premises or as part of any college activity.

VALENCIA COLLEGE EXPECTED STUDENT CONDUCT: 10-03 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 1006.60, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1006.60, FS.

Valencia 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://valenciacollege.edu/students/disputes/conduct/> or <http://valenciacollege.edu/students/disputes/conduct/>

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a Notification to Instructor (NTI) form from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities. Please contact (campus phone number) for more information.

For east the number is Ph: 407-582-2229

Statement of support for students with food/housing/financial needs:

Any student who has difficulty accessing sufficient food to eat, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect his or her performance in the course, is urged to meet with a Counselor in the Advising Center for information about resources that may be available from the college or community.

Valencia College is interested in making sure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work.



















BayCare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470. Free face-to-face counseling is also available.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

This Syllabus 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.

Any of the above information might be changed at the professor's discretion.

Course Summary:

Date	Details
Tue Jan 7, 2020	 Spanish Heritage Placement Exam Assignment (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442856) due by 11:59pm
Thu Jan 9, 2020	 Signup for Meet Your SPAN Professor via Skype (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/appointment_groups/835) 12pm to Jan 16 at 2pm
	 ORIENTATION QUIZ (SPAN 1340/SPAN 1341) (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442832) due by 11:59pm
Fri Jan 10, 2020	 Introduction Video Presentation (Introducing yourself) (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442835) due by 11:59pm
Tue Jan 14, 2020	 'Meet Your Professor' Participation via Skype (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442852) due by 11:59pm
Thu Jan 16, 2020	 Signup for Meet Your SPAN Professor via Skype (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/appointment_groups/876) 2pm to 3:20pm
Fri Jan 24, 2020	 Discussion 1: Las costumbres cuando visitas la casa de otra persona. - Original original post Due by Friday (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442836) due by 11:59pm
Fri Jan 31, 2020	 Discussion 2: ¿De dónde eres? (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442837) due by 11:59pm
Fri Feb 7, 2020	 Discussion 3: Ser Bicultural (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442834) due by 11:59pm
Fri Feb 14, 2020	 Discussion Post #4: Comunicarte con hablantes no nativos. p. 38 (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442838) due by 11:59pm
Fri Feb 21, 2020	 Research Project - Video. Cultural Discussion on Hispanic influence in the United States (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442842) due by 11:59pm
Fri Feb 28, 2020	 Discussion Post #5: Hablar en inglés, español, o en 'Spanglish'. (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442839) due by 11:59pm
Fri Mar 6, 2020	 Discussion 6: Los logros de la adolescencia a la madurez (adulthood). (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442840) due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 23, 2020	 Outline submission for Research Project on Spanish Speaking Country. (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442855) due by 11:59pm
Fri Mar 27, 2020	 Discussion 7: La Salud (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442841) due by 11:59pm
Fri Apr 3, 2020	 Research Project - Video. Cultural of a Spanish Speaking (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442843) due by 11:59pm
Fri Apr 10, 2020	 Discussion 8: Las redes sociales y la tecnología. (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442844) due by 11:59pm
Wed Apr 22, 2020	 Final Exam (SPAN 1340) Online (https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/72179/assignments/1442833) due by 11:59pm