**SPN 1121 Elementary Spanish II**

**Mixed mode**

**CRN 15390                                          Location:  6-231**

**Time:  2:00pm-  3:40pm**

**Instructor Contact**

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Foreign Language Department:

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Make sure your read and agree with the information and policies in this document. This is a contract between you and the professor.

**Catalog Description**

Elementary Spanish II is the second semester of the one-year Elementary Spanish Language and Civilization sequence.  It emphasizes oral proficiency as well as the remaining language skills: listening, reading, writing, as well as awareness and understanding of the culture. A minimum grade of C is required to pass this course if being used to satisfy the General Education Foreign Language requirement.

**Pre-requisite**

SPN 1120 or Departmental Approval

A minimum grade of C in SPN 1120 or equivalent (two years of high school Spanish completed within the last three years and department approval).

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A continuation of fundamental skills in Spanish comprehension, expression, and structure. Increasing awareness and understanding of the culture. The level of proficiency you attain will depend on you as the student.

This course is**mixed mode**. It combines traditional face-to-face classroom instruction with online computer-based learning. In this course, students will have 60% of the instruction in classroom (face to face) and 40% of online instruction (not to be confused with homework).

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 found in Canvas and VHL Central.  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 you to be successful in this course, you may want to consider other options. Keep up with the pace of the course and ask for help as soon as you feel you need it.

**Course Objectives**

At the end of the semester, students are expected to use the target language to speak, listen, write and read about:

* Past experiences
* Daily routine
* Food, clothing, travel, health
* Requests and advice using commands

The linguistic objective of this course is for students to communicate at an intermediate low level of proficiency following the “American Council of Teachers of Foreign Language” proficiency guidelines (ACTFL) when communicating in the target language.

In agreement with the *Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century*, also known as the “**5C’s”**, this course will enable students to:

* **Communicate** in Spanish (according to proficiency level targeted in the course).
* Gain knowledge and understanding of **Cultures** of the Hispanic world.
* **Connect** with other disciplines and acquire new information.
* Develop awareness of similarities and differences (comparisons) among language and **Culture** systems around the world.
* Use the language and the knowledge gain in the course to participate in **Communities** at home and around the world.

**ACTFL** Proficiency Guidelines for intermediate low level are:

* **SPEAK**- Learners are able to create meaning with the language in straightforward social situations; conversation centers on concrete exchanges and everyday topics.
* **LISTEN**– Learners generally understand information from sentence-length speech in basic context.
* **READ**– Learners understand some information from simple texts dealing with basic personal and social needs. Challenged to derive meaning from connected texts of any length.
* **WRITE**– Learners write texts consisting of a few simple sentences, often with formulaic structures that have been practiced with frequency.

**Methodology and Activities:**

This course stresses **communication skills** in Spanish. Every effort will be made to make this class student-centered. To help students succeed in this course, the class will engage in a variety of activities and assignments, including but not limited to activities such as the following: Practice and communication using vocabulary and grammar learned in oral and written modes; Sociolinguistic practice and functions through communicative activities (paired and chat activities using VHL Supersite); Reading activities and exercises, such as pre- and post-reading, intensive and extensive reading; Writing activities ranging from short paragraphs to developed compositions; Video/audio/computer exercises, presentations, and discussions.

This course is mixed mode course with instructional component on line in addition to homework. Students are expected to complete and participate in all online activities and assignments.  Participation in online discussions are similar to attendance to the face-to-face component of the class. Therefore, try not to miss these asynchronous activities because once a discussion opportunity is missed, it would not be possible to make it up. In class participation and work done during the class portion of the course cannot be make up.

**Required Text:**

***Portales,*** author Jose Blanco; Vista Higher Learning

For this class you can use either digital format or digital format plus print.

Valencia Book Store: You can buy it from the (https://www.valenciabookstores.com ) or Valencia Book Store.

Vista Higher Learning: You can buy the book and access code in digital format (includes ebook) and digital + loose leaf print format the Vista Store College Site ( [https://vistahigherlearning.com/school/valenciacollege (Links to an external site.)](https://vistahigherlearning.com/school/valenciacollege)).When ask for ISBN or College, write Valencia College and when ask to create an account, please use your Valencia email.

**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.
* A soundcard and 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 Email 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 Supersite and in Canvas.
* Canvas App required

**Mask policy and CDC Physical Distancing Guidelines**

The health and safety of everyone at the college is our top priority. Therefore, anyone attending the class is expected to wear masks indoors and maintain physical distancing. If you do not have a mask, the college will provide one for you. You may find it helpful to refer to current research on the importance of masking for public safety. Feel free to check out the CDC guidelines on masking, [located at this link (Links to an external site.)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html).

**Attendance Policy:**

Anyone who misses two class meetings during the two weeks of class will be withdrawn as a “No Show”—no exceptions.

Regular attendance is necessary for successful completion of this course.  The students need to answer when their name is called.  Do not miss more than 15 minutes of class by arriving late or leaving early.   Attendance is based on a student's completion of assignments quizzes, discussion board postings, and tests. Students who fail to complete four (4) assigned items (whether assignments, discussions, quizzes, or exams,) will receive a warning. Upon the **fifth (5)** missed assignment, the student will automatically be withdrawn from the course by the instructor. (NOTE: The instructor does not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences.) Upon the fourth missed assignment, the student will be notified that missing another assignment will result in their withdrawal from the course.

If you are unable to participate in the course due to illness, family emergency, etc., please communicate with me as soon as possible in order to create a plan for the best course of action.   In the case of a prolonged in class and/or online absence of one week or more, you and I will meet to discuss options and determine your ability to continue in the course.

If you find yourself feeling unwell and suspect you might be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone who has the COVID-19 virus, please stay home. Please also report this to Valencia’s COVID-19 case manager Tanya Mahan, at [COVIDillness@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:COVIDillness@valenciacollege.edu), so the College can determine how to best support you.

Regardless of the reason for an absence, it is the student’s responsibility to follow the professor’s policies regarding making up missed assignments. Failure to do so in a timely manner may put the student at risk of academic penalty as indicated in the attendance policy on the professor's syllabus.

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/Links to an external site.](http://international.valenciacollege.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/)

[http://valenciacollege.edu/finaid/satisfactory\_progress.cfmLinks to an external site.](http://valenciacollege.edu/finaid/satisfactory_progress.cfm)

**Withdraw Policy**

* 1. A student is permitted to withdraw from a class on or before the withdrawal deadline, as published in the College calendar. 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". The grades of “WP” and “WF” **are eliminated.**
  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 course.
  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.

**Evaluation and Grading:**

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| Grading | | | |
| **Grade scheme** | | |  |
| **Letter Grade** | **Points** |  |  |
| A | 90 – 100% |  |
| B | 80 – 89.9% |  |
| C | 70 – 79.9% |  |
| D | 60 – 69.9% |  |
| F | 0 – 59.9 % |  |
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| No curving or rounding final grade. Make sure you do all the work. | |  |
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| Percentage of each catergory | |
| **Value Assigments Final Grade** | |
| **Assignment** | **Percentage**  **of Grade** |
| Lesson Tests | 10% |
| Oral Assessments | 15% |
| Supersite/e-book/activities online | 30% |
| Writing Activities | 10% |
| In class;  Graded Activities Quizzes and /Cultural Discussion | 5% |
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| Midterm | 10% |
| Final Exam | 20% |
| Total | 100% |

There is no Incomplete for this course.

**Lesson Tests (10%)**: All lesson tests will be administered online using Canvas via computer under time constraints. Keep in mind Canvas does not support test taking with your phone or tablet. Make sure you are using Chrome  as your browser. The best preparation method for tests is by keeping up with your classwork, homework and assignments on Canvas. Tests will be administered at the end of each lesson accessed within Canvas in the Learning Modules for each chapter.  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 from either Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays at 11:59pm Eastern time. Use of vocabulary and grammar not learned in class will result in a failing grade.

Tech issues: Occasionally it happens that your server, computer, or Canvas has an error while you are taking a quiz or an exam, and you need to have the exam or quiz reset. If that happens, you can contact me to help you if I am able to—only if the deadline has not passed. Please be aware of and take into account my office hours. If you email me at 11:00 pm when your quiz is due by 11:59 pm that same day, you should not expect a response from me before the deadline. If you send email after deadline, you will not take the quiz you missed. Please plan accordingly. After sending email, 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 Valencia’s tech support for additional help prior.  Note that should not wait until one hour before the due time to attempt the test.

**Compositions (10%):**You will write a minimum of two in-class compositions in Spanish.

**In class Graded Activities, quizzes and cultural project (5%):**You will participate in a variety of in-class activities that will be graded.  Your professor will administer in-class quizzes on an announced and/or unannounced basis.  You will also complete a number of graded cultural projects, discussions, and/or presentations throughout the course in class and online.

**Oral Assessments (15%):**  There will be different types of oral assessments in the course. You will be using your webcam and Canvas for presentations and Zoom for oral interviews. You will find instructions in the learning modules. Technical issues with assignments have to be notified via email before due time and after contacting Canvas.

**Supersite Activities (30%):** VHL Supersite is one of the two learning management systems you will use in this course. These activities are your class work – learning activities. You will find them in your VHL Supersite Calendar. The activities assigned represent extensive communicative practice that will assist students internalizing the language. These activities are graded and averaged as part of the overall grade. Supersite activities will need to be completed by the dates that appear in the Supersite calendar. Other assignments might be graded differently, depending on the type of activity (virtual chats and quizzes). Late Supersite activities incur a penalty of 5% reduction for each day they are late. As with any website, you might experience tech issues with the Supersite. Make sure you report tech issues to the Vista Supersite tech support. Any email referring to tech issues with Supersite should include the incident report number they will provide you. Technical issues with assignments have to be notified via email before due time and after contacting Supersite Tech support.

**Zoom:**

For this class we will have zoom sessions. Our class sessions will all be audio visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. We will be using zoom for office hours, oral interviews and q & a sessions

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**Midterm (10%) and Final Exam (20 %):  Proctored**

The goal of the midterm and final exams is to assess your ability to assimilate what you have learned about Spanish grammar, vocabulary, language, and culture in the lessons up to that point in the course. The final exam will be comprehensive and cumulative in nature. The midterm and final exams will consist of listening, reading, and writing sections in which you will demonstrate your overall knowledge of the course material. The test is not curved and no make-up test will be given, except under extenuating circumstances with documentation. Check schedule for dates.

**Incompletes:**In general, a grade of I or Incomplete will not be given in this course.

**Honorlock:**

Honorlock will proctor all your exams this semester. Honorlock is an online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from the comfort of your home. You DO NOT need to create an account, download software, or schedule an appointment in advance. Honorlock is available 24/7 and all that is needed is a computer, a working webcam, and a stable Internet connection.

To get started, you will need Google Chrome and to download the Honorlock Chrome Extension. You can download the extension at [www.honorlock.com/extension/install  (Links to an external site.)](http://www.honorlock.com/extension/install)

When you are ready to test, log into Canvas, go to your course, and click on your exam. Clicking "Launch Proctoring" will begin the Honorlock authentication process, where you will take a picture of yourself, show your ID, and complete a scan of your room. Honorlock will be recording your exam session by webcam as well as recording your screen. Honorlock also has an integrity algorithm that can detect search-engine use, so please do not attempt to search for answers, even if it's on a secondary device.

**Privacy Notice:**Valencia has an obligation to ensure the integrity of the online learning space, as it does for all learning and testing environments. In online courses, the testing environment may include electronic spaces and any physical locations where tests are taken. Valencia will protect information from the online testing environment just as it protects personal information you may provide during the admissions process, for tuition or financial aid purposes, or to the Office of Students with Disabilities. Under Valencia’s contract, Honorlock is acting on Valencia’s behalf and is obligated to protect your personal information, and Honorlock may not share it with any person or company outside Valencia.

**Disability Statement:**

 "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 determine accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities. Please contact your home campus for more information." For East campus the number is Ph.: 407-582-2229.  Here is the link to Valencia’s OSD website: [http://www.valenciacc.edu/osd (Links to an external site.)](http://www.valenciacc.edu/osd)

**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.

**Student Conduct and Academic Honesty:**

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. This include any composition where a translator or unauthorized human assistance has been used or where the level of proficiency is higher than the one shown in class.

Students may collaborate on group assignments. This does NOT include duplication of work. Collaboration should be used to edit or to clarify doubts. If anyone is involved in incidents of cheating a zero grade (0) will be assigned for that activity, quiz, exam, or project without regard to who did the original work or who may have benefited. Each student is expected to be in total compliance with the college policy of Academic Honesty as set forth in the admissions catalog and the student handbook. Any student(s) cheating on an exam will receive a zero (0) grade, and the professor can at his/her discretion withdraw you from the class. This includes submitting work on which a translator or unauthorized human assistance has been used or in which the level of proficiency is higher than the one expected in the course. In addition, Valencia College strives to provide a drug-free learning environment for all those involved in the academic experience.

**Drug-free 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

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| 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 [http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/default.cfm?policyID=180&volumeID\_1=8&navst=0Links to an external site.](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/default.cfm?policyID=180&volumeID_1=8&navst=0)

Valencia College is interested in making sure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. For 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 changed at the instructor’s discretion, during the course of the term. It is the responsibility of the student to make any adjustments as announced.

Withdraw Deadline: November 3, 2021

Course Schedule of Assignments

**SPN 1121   - Schedule of Assignments**

| Tentative Schedule | | |
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| **Tareas(Assignments)/ Lecciones** | **Open** | **Close/Due** |
| [Welcome to SPN1121-Orientation-Start Here!](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/pages/start-here-welcome-to-elementary-spanish-ii) | 08/23/21 | 08/28/21 |
| [Create VHL Supersite Account](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/pages/vhl-supersite) on Online [HW website (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/) |  | 08/26/21 |
| **Canvas:**[Course Orientation Quiz](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/quizzes/946082) | 08/23/21 | 08/28/21 |
| **Canvas:**[Webcam Intro Presentation](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/discussion_topics/1476381) | 08/23/21 | 08/28/21 |
| **Lección 6: ¡De compras!** | **Open**  **08/23/21** | **Close/Due**  **09/11/21** |
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| [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/): tutorials, quizzes, oral and written  activities due every week | Check [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/) calendar | Check [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/) calendar |
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| **On Canvas:**[Discussion - ¡De Compras!](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/discussion_topics/1476384) | 09/05/21 | 09/11/21 |
| **On Canvas:**[Exámen Lección 6](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/quizzes/946081) | 09/09/21 | 09/11/21 |
| **Lección 7:  La rutina diaria** | **Open**  **09/15/21** | **Close/Due**  **10/02/21** |
| [Supersite: (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/) tutorials, quizzes, oral and written   activities every week | Check [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/) calendar | Check [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/) calendar |
| **On Canvas:**[Quiz - Mi rutina diaria](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/quizzes/946088) | 09/23/21 | 09/25/21 |
| **On Canvas:**[Webcam Oral Presentation  #1  ( video recording)](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/assignments/3149444) | 09/26/21 | 09/30/21 |
| **On Canvas:**[Exámen Lección  7](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/quizzes/946080) | 09/30/21 | 10/02/21 |
| **Lección 8: La comida** | **Open**  **10/03/21** | **Close/Due**  10/23/21 |
| [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/): tutorials, quizzes, oral and written   activities due every week | Check [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/) calendar | Check [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/) calendar |
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| **On Canvas:**[Discussion - La comida](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/discussion_topics/1476385) | 10/10/21 | 10/16/21 |
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| **Via Canvas:** [Midterm](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/quizzes/946083) (Covers all info. on Lessons 6, 7, & 8) | 10/21/21 | 10/23/21 |
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| **Lección 9: Las Celebraciones** | **Open**  **10/24/21** | **Close/Due**  **11/13/21** |
| [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/): tutorials, quizzes, oral and written   activities due every week | Check [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](http://www.vhlcentral.com/) calendar | Check [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](http://www.vhlcentral.com/) calendar |
| **On Canvas:**[Quiz **/**Writing Activity - Las fiestas](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/quizzes/946086) | 11/02/21 | 11/04/21 |
| **On Canvas:** [Webcam Oral Presentation**#2**](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/assignments/3149445) (video recording) | 11/07/21 | 11/13/21 |
| **On Canvas:**[Exámen Lección 9](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/quizzes/946085) | 11/11/21 | 11/13/21 |
| **Lección 10: En el Consultorio** | **Open**  **11/14/21** | **Close/Due**  **12/04/21** |
| [Supersite (Links to an external site.)](https://www.vhlcentral.com/): tutorials, quizzes, oral and written activities activities due every week  **On Canvas:**[**Cultural Discussion - Celebraciones**](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/discussion_topics/1476382) | Check Supersite Calendar    11/14/21 | Check Supersite Calendar  11/23/21 |
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| **On Canvas:** [Composición](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/assignments/3149430) | 11/23/21 | 11/30/21 |
| **On Canvas:**[Exámen Lección 10](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/quizzes/946084) | 12/02/21 | 12/04/21 |
| **FINAL EXAM** | **Open** | **Close/Due** |
| [Final Oral Interview/ Last Oral Assessment](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/assignments/3149433) | By appointment | Check Canvas Calendar |
| **Final Exam will be Proctored**  **Via Canvas:**  [Written Final Exam](https://online.valenciacollege.edu/courses/119363/quizzes/946087) | 12/05/21 | 12/07/21 |

**Labor Day September 6, 2021**

**Withdraw deadline:  November 3, 2021**

**Veterans Day:  November 11, 2021**

**Important dates:  Thanksgiving break:  November 24-28**