

AP Spanish Language & Culture

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Course Description



AP Spanish Language and Culture is equivalent to an intermediate level college course in Spanish. Students cultivate their understanding of Spanish language and culture by applying interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication in real-life situations as they explore concepts related to family and communities, personal and public identities, beauty and aesthetics, science and technology, contemporary life, and global challenges.

Themes

1. Families & Communities
2. Personal & Public Identities
3. Beauty & Aesthetics
4. Science & Technology
5. Contemporary Life
6. Global Challenges

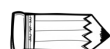
Expectations

1. **Speak Spanish.** Try your hardest to only speak Spanish in class. It will help you in the long run because the AP test is 100% in Spanish.
2. **Don't hesitate to approach me.** If you have a question about any aspect of the class, know that the one person to ask for the correct information and help is me. Please feel free to speak with me about anything that will make your experience in this class better.
3. **Do your own work.** Don't cheat. Just don't
4. **Be on time.** Your attendance in class is the most important aspect of the learning experience and should be your top priority.
5. **Respect yourself, your peers, and the teacher.** I work really hard to create an inclusive learning environment for every single student in the class, and this will not work if we do not respect one another. No one will be allowed to disrupt the learning process of others, so give your attention to whoever is speaking.

Grading Scale

97-100% A+	94-96% A	90-93% A-
87-89% B+	84-86% B	80-83% B-
77-79% C+	74-76% C	70-73% C-
67-69% D+	64-66% D	60-63% D-

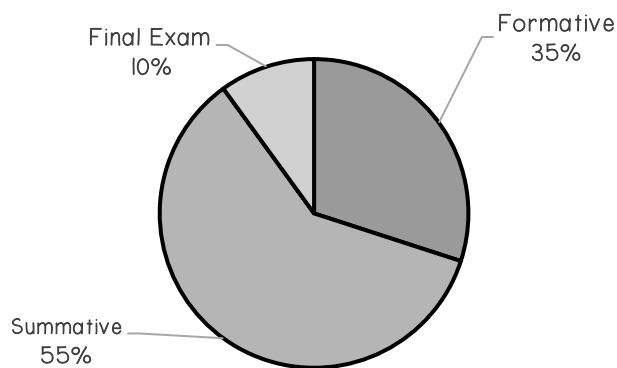
50 - 60% **F** (no recibes crédito)



Materials

- ✓ Computer/laptop
- ✓ Notebook (or something that you can use to take notes)

Grade Distribution



Technology



You will have to use technology this year to participate in class.

- **Canvas:** This is where you'll find all of your work. This is also where you can send me messages.
- **Vocaroo:** You'll use this website to record yourself.

The AP Exam

In May, you will take a cumulative exam from College Board.

Section		# of ?s	% of Final Score	Time
Section 1: Multiple Choice				95 minutes
Parte A	Reading Comprehension	30 ?s	50%	40 minutes
Parte B	Reading & Audio Comp.	35 ?s		55 minutes
	Audio Comprehension			
Section 2: Free Response				85 minutes
E-mail Reply		1 prompt	50 %	15 minutes
Argumentative Essay		1 prompt		55 minutes
Simulated Conversation		5 prompt		20 seconds/?
Cultural Comparison		1 prompt		2 minutes

Assignments

To pass the AP exam, you'll need to master the tasks above by practicing.

- **Weekly Exams:** You will take quizzes every day that will be almost identical to the tasks on the AP exam.
- **Recordings:** There will be activities where I will ask you to speak spontaneously about any given topic, similar to the AP exam.
- **Essays:** You will practice writing formally using sources to support your thesis.
- **Projects:** You will be asked to complete different projects throughout the year.

Presentations

- **Weekly Charlas:** Every week during first semester, students will give a short 2-minute presentation on a given topic. The date and topic will be assigned ahead of time.
- **Cultural Presentations:** Every week during second semester, students will present a presentation about a cultural topic that falls under the AP themes.

*The purpose of these activities is to prepare students for the AP exam, not to torture them. There are sections of the AP exam where students will have to complete similar activities.