



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2023	Instructor Name:	Maricruz Cabrera
Course Title & #:	Span 100	Email:	maricruz.cabrera@imperial.edu
CRN #:	10828	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	205	Office #:	Room #205
Class Dates:	8/14-12/9	Office Hours:	9:00 a.m- 10:00 a.m T & TH
Class Days:	T & TH	Office Phone #:	NA
Class Times:	10:15 A.M-12:45 A.M	Emergency Contact:	Lency Lucas 760 355-6337
Units:	5	Class Format/Modality:	Face to Face

Course Description

The beginning Spanish course is based on a contrastive analysis between Spanish and English and is designed to develop in the English-speaking student rudimentary abilities in the four basic language skills: hearing, speaking, reading, and writing. The main emphasis is on the present tense of both regular and irregular verbs. The student will be familiarized with those features of Hispanic culture, which reflect the different frame of reference from which the native speaker of Spanish views the world. The class is conducted in Spanish. (CSU, UC).

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

Prerequisite: The student must be able to speak and read English. Not open to students with native ability in Spanish or those who have studied in a Spanish speaking country (See SPAN 220). For additional oral practice, concurrent enrollment in SPAN 113 is recommended.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Organize information about a historical or cultural aspect of a Spanish-Speaking country for a written or oral assignment. [ILO1, ILO3, ILO5]
2. Successfully communicate at the novice/elementary level a personal event in the present tense. (ILO1, ILO2)
3. Describe basic daily life situations using correct grammatical structures, vocabulary, and idiomatic expressions (ILO1)

Course Objectives

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the Spanish sound system.
2. Use the Spanish writing/spelling system with its diacritical marks, especially the accent.
3. Practice receptive skills through coordinated written and spoken material.



4. Practice productive skills, by repetition, use of cognates, and real-life situations appropriate to the university level.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of grammar to allow communication from controlled use of language forms to open-ended communicative activities.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of the language skills in speaking, listening, writing, and comprehension according to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language Proficiency Guidelines.
7. Identify the varieties of Spanish and its speakers through recordings, maps, and videos.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Title of Book: ¡Anda! Curso Elemental with My Spanish Lab code

Author: Cowell/Heining-Boynton

Edition: 3rd Edition

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

The Student Activities in My Spanish Lab online (Capítulos Preliminar A, 1-5): should be kept up to date by every student. They are due on Sundays at 11:59 pm. Plan to study 1-2 hours or more a day on your own. It is important when learning a foreign language to practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills as much as you can outside of the classroom.

MODULES: Weeks are broken down into modules:

1. Vocabulary
2. Culture
3. Grammar
4. Discussion
5. My Spanish Lab

*Except week 1, all weeks include these 5 modules. In week 1, you will also find a module called Syllabus, Repaso and Información importante.

Homework: **Your first assignment is due Sunday Augst 20 at 11:59. Pm. You must do the Syllabus quiz on Canvas.** Submit homework on time. The homework will be assigned every class. No late homework, assignments, or quizzes will be accepted unless a valid medical excuse, within two days of your return. You are responsible for the work missed during your absence. Remember, My Spanish Lab activities are always due on Sundays.

Reflexión: When learning a language, it is especially important that you practice the target language orally. For this reason, every Thursday you will read a reflection in class, with topics related to the material covered during the week. Come prepared and ready to read it in class. Reflections are an important part of your grade as participation. At the end of the semester, I will drop the lowest score from the reflections. If for any reason you miss a reflection (illness, death in the family, etc.), consider this your lowest grade and I will drop it.

Midterm exam: The midterm consists of two different sections: 1) My Spanish Lab, which will cover chapters Preliminary A, 1, and 2, and 2) Oral interview: More information will be provided during the semester.



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Final exam: The final consists of two different sections: 1) My Spanish Lab, which will cover chapters 3, 4, and 5, and 2) Oral interview: More information regarding this exam will be given by the instructor.

Oral Midterm/Oral Final: You will prepare for oral interviews. You will be graded on preparation, vocabulary, fluency, pronunciation, ability to communicate in the target language, etc. Not speaking enough Spanish in presentation lowers your grade. There will be two presentations in class as part of your midterm and final exams.

Chapter exams (exámenes): There will be six chapter exams. I will drop the lowest score from tests at the end of the semester. If for any reason you miss a test or a quiz (illness, death in the family, etc.), consider this your lowest grade and I will drop it). In addition, expect quizzes (written or oral) on spelling, grammar, homework assignments, and discussions on history, vocabulary, and culture. Quizzes will be announced and unannounced. There will be **NO MAKE-UP TESTS OR QUIZZES** -Except in cases of documented emergencies, at the discretion of the professor. For reasons of fairness and the integrity of the class, there are **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The last examinations will be held during the second week of December.

Lab: All Thursdays we will go to the computer lab at IVC to work on My Spanish Lab Assignments. If you have questions, I will be there to assist you.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

A 100-90

B 89-80

C 79-70

D 69-60

F 59 or

below

F

	Grade Percentage
My Spanish Lab Homework	20%
Chapter Exams	20%
Reflections	15%
Midterm	15%
Final	15%
Oral Exams	15%

Academy Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification. Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires



that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Course Policies

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Other Course Information: Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.



- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1	Course information, Course Video, Syllabus, Syllabus Quiz, Información Importante Reflexión.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 2	Cap. A Saludos y presentaciones, Expresiones útiles para la clase, Adjetivos de nacionalidad, Saludos, Nota cultural: Tú o usted, Video: Club cultura, Pronombres personales, El verbo ser, My Spanish Lab, Reflexión.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 3	Cap. A Los números, La hora, Los días de la semana y las estaciones, El tiempo, Nota Cultural: Los hispanos, Video: Guinea Ecuatorial, Gustar, My Spanish Lab, Reflexión, Examen del capítulo A. S	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 4	Cap. 1: La familia, Nota Cultural: Los apellidos en mundo hispano, Video: Estados Unidos, Sustantivos singulares y plurales, masculinos, femeninos, Artículos definidos e indefinidos, My Spanish Lab y Reflexión.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 5	Cap. 1 Gente, Nota cultural: El español, lengua diversa, Video, Estados Unidos: la vida de los hispanos, adjetivos posesivos y descriptivos, Reflexión, Examen del capítulo 1.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 6	Cap. 2, Las materias y las especialidades, Los números, la sala de clases, Nota cultural: Las universidades hispanas, Video: México, presente de	Sunday 11:59 pm

	indicativo verbos regulares, formación de preguntas, My Spanish Lab, Reflexión	
Week 7	Cap. 2 En la universidad y la residencia, Las emociones y los estados, Los deportes y los pasatiempos, Nota cultural: Los deportes en el mundo hispano, Video: México: La vida de los universitarios, El verbo estar, Reflexión, Examen del capítulo 2	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 8	Midterm: -Practice exam -Oral Exam -My Spanish Lab Exam	To be arranged.
Week 9 11/20-11-24	Spring Break	
Week 10	Cap. 3 La casa, Los muebles y los objetos de la casa, Nota cultural: Dónde viven los españoles, Video: España, Algunos verbos irregulares, El mejoramiento de la casa, My Spanish Lab, Reflexión.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 11	Cap. 3 Los quehaceres de la casa, Los colores, 1,000-100, 000,000, Nota: Las casas verdes, Video: Se come bien en España, Expresiones con tener, el verbo gustar, Reflexión, Examen del capítulo 3	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 12	Cap. 4 Los lugares, Actividades y acciones cotidianas, Nota: Dónde viven los españoles, Video: Honduras, verbos con cambios de raíz, El verbo estar, Ir+a+infinitivo, Reflexión.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 13	Cap. 4 Servicios a la comunidad, Nota: La conciencia social, Video: La comunidad Garifuna, Expresiones afirmativas y negativas, Repaso de ser y estar Reflexión. Examen del capítulo 4.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 14	Cap. 5 El mundo de la música, Nota: La música latina en los Estados Unidos, Video: Costa Rica, Los adjetivos y pronombres demostrativos, Reflexión.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 15	Cap. 5 Tecnología e informática, subjuntivo con antecedentes indefinidos, las acciones relacionadas con la tecnología, Perfiles: Viajando hacia el futuro, Video: Costa Rica, un país con conciencia ecológica, Reflexión. Examen del capítulo 5.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 16	Final practice test and review.	Sunday 11:59 pm
Week 17	Final exam-Oral and My Spanish Lab sections.	To be arranged.



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