¡Felicidades! After lots of hard work and dedication, you have reached a level of Spanish where you will be able to explore cultural themes and relevant topics more deeply, putting into practice all the tools you have built up in your tool box. ¡Vamos a divertirnos este año mientras nos desafiamos!

Preparación: This course is designed for students who have completed Spanish 3 and are ready to use the grammar and vocabulary to communicate in meaningful ways. The purpose of the course is to review, expand and synthesize, with a focus on oral communication, making the leap from “conjugating to communicating.”
¡Se habla español!
We will conduct the class almost exclusively in Spanish, with the exception of some grammar explanations that can best be done in English. When you walk through the door, expect to speak and hear only español.

This course promises to:
• help you perfect your communicative skills (receptive as well as expressive) in Spanish;
• stretch your mind and teach you new ways of thinking, and communicating;
• broaden your horizons—not only learning about different countries and people, but learning different ways of expression and of experiencing the world; essentially opening up a door to a new world;
• improve your ability to communicate in your own language by learning new Spanish vocabulary, expressions and grammar that will enhance your understanding of English;
• teach you appreciation for Spanish and Latin cultures through literature, art, history and contemporary issues;
• teach you empathy for being “other;
• motivate you to continue your study of Spanish beyond this course.
Materiales: We will use a variety of sources including selections from a 2nd year college text, Avance, a full-length novel by Gabriel García Márquez, Crónica de Una Muerte Anunciada, podcasts, blogs and articles as a guide to our discussions and readings, accompanied by grammar lessons from Una Vez Más. Vocabulary will be presented in context, and new terms should be kept in your personal cuaderno. We will watch videos and movies to enhance our themes—todo en español! I will also give you the chance to explore topic areas of interest to you.

- handouts from la profesora
- Una Vez Más, gramática
- Cuaderno para guardar el vocabulario y apuntes
- Lápices, bolígrafos
- Word Reference / App
- Un deseo de ¡hablar en español!
Las notas
• Homework: 25%
• Alternate Assessments (projects, papers, etc): 25%
• Tests and Quizzes: 30%
• Oral & Participation/Effort: 20%

Tareas: Homework will be assigned every day and will consist of a variety of assignments: writing, listening, speaking (or a combination) and grammar. Homework will range between 30-45 minutes a night. Complete, thorough and timely completion of homework assignments is expected.

Pruebas: I will give frequent (almost daily) pruebitas (3-5 questions), with longer quizzes usually on Fridays/Saturdays. Tests and projects will be announced in advance, and will appear on the testing calendar.

Oral/Effort: You are expected to speak in Spanish in class every single day. Your grade in this category includes not only graded oral presentations, but also your willingness to speak, your preparedness for class, your attentiveness in class, your attitude and your overall effort.

Horas de Conferencia: Conference Period is available to you every day but Thursdays. (Service Fridays and Saturdays by appointment!!) Please feel free to schedule other times with me that work!
NORMAS PARA EL SALON DE CLASE

• Respeto Mutuo: es la norma más importante en la clase.
• Se habla español, siempre.
• Se debe tener los materiales necesarios para la clase todos los días.
• Tareas: entregarlas puntualmente. Tarde= ½ crédito.
• Ausencias: Se habla con la maestra para ver lo que perdiste. Chequea el sitio de web.
• Vestirse según el código de vestimenta.
• ¡No realizar tareas de otras clases!
• No se come en clase. Bebidas con tapas se permiten.
• No se debe usar teléfono celular en ninguna situación.
• Evitar interrupciones innecesarias. Ej: baños y el agua antes de clase.
• Estudia un poco ¡CADA DIA!
• Se sale cuando la maestra lo autorice.
• Siempre respetar el código de honor en todo tarea, examen, etc. Ejemplo: tu trabajo es TUYO, no del hablante nativo que es tu amigo o tu madre, ni del sitio de traducciones. Se permite el uso de WordRef para buscar UNA palabra. (“house” = “la casa” = permitido. “yellow house” = “la casa amarilla” = ¡no permitido!). Las tareas que asigno nunca requieren más de lo que has aprendido en esta clase.

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