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This is a Spanish language course. The professor and the students will speak only Spanish in class.

Topics

A detailed listing of vocabulary and grammar topics can be found in the Schedule of Assignments at the end of this syllabus.

Evaluation

The following grade criteria will be used to determine the final grades for this course:

A: 90-100 B: 80-89 C: 70-79 D: 60-69 F: 59 and below

GRADING BREAKDOWN: The course grade will be determined as follows:

(3) Exams = 45%

(3) Participation = 15%

Oral conversation = 5%

WEB-SAM online activities / other homework = 9%

(2) Compositions = 6%

Final exam = 20%

Exams

Each 55-minute exam will cover all assigned material and will be given as indicated in the course calendar.

Participation

Each student is expected to participate actively in each class and to keep up with the online homework in Web-SAM. There are three (3) participation grades, each given with the graded exam. See explanation sheet on grading participation. While there is no absentee policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, unexcused absences WILL factor into the participation grade.

Therefore, it is imperative that students communicate with the professor in a timely manner about their absences.

Oral Conversation

Conversations will be held in groups of two at the end of the semester. Each group will be aware of five possible scenarios from which one will be randomly chosen. After each conversation, the instructor may ask additional questions. Note: This is a conversation and should NOT be memorized.

WEB-SAM online activities / Other homework

Your instructor will assign homework almost daily from the online WEB-SAM system. It is essential that students review, correct, and understand their mistakes; this process is an essential one when learning any subject. Students must complete the exercises in a timely manner, according to the attached class calendar.

There is a question box within the system for you to use. Students are encouraged to ask their questions or state their concerns within the feedback box in Web-SAM.

It is best NOT to use Explorer, but rather Chrome

An excused absence is one that occurs due to illness, injury, or death in the student's immediate family. The student must verify these circumstances with official letters as soon as they return to class. No excuses will be accepted one week after the circumstance occurred.

Please note: If you are participating in any university-sponsored event in which you must be absent from class, an official letter from a Tech faculty or staff member must list these dates and be presented to the professor at the beginning of the semester.

Course Requirements

A serious commitment to the study of Spanish is expected from each student. Students must promptly complete assignments BEFORE class. Punctuality and speaking Spanish in class are expected and required.

Please note that the classes are conducted almost entirely in Spanish.

Student Conduct

The Department of Foreign Languages aims to provide an optimum learning environment in its classes. Students must also be responsible to meet this end. Therefore, we require that:

All cellular phones be turned off during class,