Spanish 2310.18: Intermediate Spanish I

COURSE DESCRIPTION

SPAN 2310.18: Intermediate Spanish I, is designed to help students improve both their oral and written skills, expand their vocabulary, consolidate their grammar knowledge, and gain a deeper understanding of Hispanic culture. The final goal is to provide students with the necessary tools to communicate fluently, both in form and content by enhancing speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills through targeted and engaging online learning activities.

Prerequisite: SPAN 1420 minimum grade of a C.

COURSE GOALS

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- communicate verbally using basic Spanish language;
- read basic Spanish related to a variety of topics;
- write basic Spanish related to a variety of topics; and,
- describe various elements of the Hispanic culture.

COURSE ORGANIZATION

How to Navigate this Online Course: This online course is organized into a "Getting Started" section, a "Syllabus" section, and six sequenced "Chapter Lessons" that can be found on the TRACS toolbar located along the left side of your screen.

- First, you'll need to read the Getting Started and Syllabus sections. These two sections will guide you through the setup and organization of the course and MySpanishLab. Each section must be read carefully.
- Next, you'll be able to start working in the first Chapter Lesson.
- Before you begin, please read Important Information about Chapter Lessons below.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHAPTER LESSONS

There are six Chapter Lessons that correspond with each of the Conexiones textbook chapters covered in this course. These lessons are sequenced, and they must be completed in order. In total, all items assigned in each Chapter Lesson are worth 10% of your overall course grade.

What's Included in each Chapter Lesson?

Each chapter lesson includes student resources, practice exercises, video tutorials, and links to important information in the eText to support the material you are learning. Links to all required assignments for each chapter (including MySpanishLab activities and quizzes) are also provided in each Chapter Lesson.

- Chapter Title - This is the title of your chapter as shown in your textbook, Conexiones.
- To Do List - This checklist outlines the items that should be completed for each Chapter Lesson.
- Chapter Objectives - This section outlines the learning objectives for the chapter.
- Pre-Lesson Exercises - This section includes a variety of practice exercises, grammar tutorials, and pronunciation exercises that must be reviewed prior to attempting any graded assignments.
in the chapter. These practice exercises, along with your textbook, will reinforce the skills you will use to successfully complete the required assignments due at the end of the Chapter Lesson.

- **Chapter Assignments Due** - All assignments listed in this section are *required* and must be completed before proceeding to the next chapter.
- **MySpanishLab** - A link to open the MySpanishLab student portal is provided in every chapter lesson.
- **Chapter Completion Assignment** - After you complete all of the assignments in each chapter lesson, you will need to submit a *Chapter Completion Assignment*. This assignment is not graded, but it is required to notify your instructor that you have submitted all the work for the chapter.

### TEXTBOOK INFORMATION & REQUIRED MATERIALS

*Conexiones: Comunicación y cultura, 5th Edition (Pearson eText with MySpanishLab Access Code)*  
*By: Eduardo J. Zayas-Bazán, Susan Bacon, Dulce M. García*  
*Published by: Pearson*

- The required textbook and MySpanishLab Access Code for this course will also be used in SPAN 2320 Intermediate Spanish II (*while this may change at the discretion of the program director in the future, we strongly recommend that you save your MySpanishLab Access Code if you are planning to complete SPAN 2320 at Texas State University in order to avoid having to purchase it again*).
- Used Access Codes that have been previously activated by other students or purchased from third-party vendors will not work for this course.

### GRADES

Final grades will be calculated as follows:  
- **A** = 90-100  
- **B** = 80-89  
- **C** = 70-79  
- **D** = 60-69  
- **F** = 59 or below

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MYSPANISHLAB ASSIGNMENTS

Important: You may only submit assignments from one single Chapter Lesson per week.

MySpanishLab Chapter Activities Folders (6)
- Chapter Folders are located in your online language lab.
- Activities Folders are assigned for each chapter covered in this course (Preliminar, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
- Chapter Folders include a variety of reading, writing, and listening activities that have been selected by your instructor to reinforce your understanding of the vocabulary and grammar covered in each chapter.
- Activities in your Chapter Folder may be repeated an unlimited number of times; you should always attempt each activity as many times as needed to score 100%
- Only the highest score for each activity will be recorded

MySpanishLab Chapter Quizzes (6)
- Chapter Quizzes are located in the Chapter Quizzes Folder in your online language lab,
- A Chapter Quiz is assigned for each chapter covered in this course (Preliminar, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
- Chapter Quizzes may be attempted three times. Each time you open the quiz, even if no questions are answered, will be counted as one attempt.
- Additional attempts will not be granted if your Chapter Quiz is interrupted and/or progress is lost due to weak or unstable wireless Internet connections.
- Be sure to submit your answers. Answers that are saved, but not submitted, will not be received by your instructor for grading.
- Only the highest score will be recorded.

MySpanishLab Oral Activities (6)
- Oral Activities are located in the Oral Activity Folder in your online language lab.
- One oral assignment will be included in every Chapter.
- You will need a microphone to record your response.
- Oral Assignments may be attempted an unlimited number of times.

TRACS Student Activities (6)
- Six activities are assigned in TRACS for this course. These TRACS activities are assigned in every chapter and include the Course Overview Quiz in Capítulo Preliminar.
- TRACS assignments encourage you to explore a variety of current events and cultural topics related to the Spanish-speaking world and Hispanic culture, as well as practice the vocabulary and grammar concepts you learn in each chapter.

EXAMS

Two exams are required in this class. Each exam will cover the following:
- Mid-Course Exam: Capítulo Preliminar, Capítulo 1 & Capítulo 2
- Final Exam: Capítulo 3, Capítulo 4 & Capítulo 5

The following sections will be included in your exams:
1. Listening Comprehension
2. Reading Comprehension
3. Vocabulary
4. Grammar

Exams will include the vocabulary and grammar topics outlined in your chapter lesson objectives. Material for the exams will be drawn from the content covered in your e-Text, Vocabulary and Grammar Tutorials from your Pre-Lesson Exercises, Cultural Activities, and MySpanishLab Assignments and Quizzes.
HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS COURSE

• **Be engaged**: Check your TRACS course site and your Bobcat Mail inbox regularly.
• **Communicate respectfully**: Always follow the Online Communication Guidelines
• **Be patient**: Give yourself a break if you don’t understand everything right away. Learning a new language is a gradual process; the key for success is **consistency and practice**.
• **Be committed to the learning Spanish for the duration of this course**: Set aside at least 3 hours per week to practice your Spanish listening and speaking skills. Learning a new language is like learning to play a musical instrument; you will not get better unless you practice!

Here are some suggestions to increase your exposure to Spanish and enhance your listening and speaking skills.

1. Watch YouTube videos in Spanish
2. Listen to music on your local Spanish radio stations
3. Listen to Spanish language podcasts
4. Watch your favorite movies and movie trailers dubbed with Spanish audio
5. Watch the daily news on your local Spanish television station
6. Read headline news in Spanish on [CNN en Español](https://es.cnn.com)

• **Be organized and plan ahead**. Don’t put off the work. The new language needs to be practiced often, so try devoting at least 30 minutes daily for vocabulary practice, reading, writing and listening exercises.

• **Make a study plan that is effective for you**. Identify what outcomes you expect from this course. Then create an action plan that will help you reach your goals. Be realistic about your commitment when creating a timeline to complete the requirements for this course.

• **Ask questions and know where to find help when you need it**. Let your instructor know about any problems you are having with any aspect of the course right away so a solution can be worked out as soon as possible.