

LWSDU – Gr. 12 Advanced Spanish
Course Description

¡SALUDOS Y BIENVENIDOS A OTRO AÑO DE ESPAÑOL!

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You have chosen to further your studies of Hispanic language and culture. ¡Felicidades! ¡Es una decisión fabulosa! Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. Your knowledge and ability in Spanish combined with your native expertise in English, will enable you to communicate with the vast majority of people in both North and South America as well as other parts of the world. You have placed a high priority on strengthening your communication skills, and in today's competitive job market, employers value and respect such initiative.

This class will provide many opportunities for you to express yourself, to share your opinions and interests, to interact with your peers and also to appreciate their perspectives. Learning in this course will be fun and exciting, yet challenging and stimulating. As much as possible, all efforts should be made to speak only Spanish in class. We all need as much opportunity to practice as possible. It's better to try and make mistakes than not to try at all!

I look forward to being with you this year and am confident that we will work together to make it a rewarding, fun and exciting one!

¡Buena suerte a todos!

Señora Elliott

The key to success: **FÁCIL**

Favor de asistir a todas las clases
Ayudar a sus compañeros
Completar las tareas
Investigar bien sus proyectos
Leer mucho, muchísimo

TEXTS:

¡Dime! Dos. ITP Nelson/D.C. Heath (replacement cost if lost, \$80)

Selection of literature: poetry, short story, theatre and/or novel

COURSE OF STUDY:

This course prepares students for university studies in the international language. Students will enhance their ability to use the language with clarity and precision, and will develop the language skills needed to engage in sustained conversations and discussions, understand and evaluate information, read diverse materials for both study and pleasure, and write clearly and effectively. Students will also have opportunities to add to their knowledge of the culture of the countries where the language is spoken through the use of community resources and computer technology. (Ministry Of Education, *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 11-12, Classical Studies and International Languages*, 2016.)

Prerequisite: LWSCU, Grade 11 Intermediate Spanish

This course of study emphasizes the importance of 3 distinct interdependent strands of language:

- a. Oral Communication (Listening/Speaking)
- b. Reading and
- c. Writing

a. Oral Communication

Learning activities and evaluations include: classroom interaction; speeches, debates, dramatization and role playing; large and small group work; aural comprehension from audio and video tape, including films and documentaries related to Hispanic culture; oral presentations; reading aloud; interviews

b. Reading

Learning activities and evaluations include: intensive reading from various sources (textbook, media articles, short stories, poetry, etc.); reading is studied for global comprehension

c. Writing

Learning activities and evaluations include: grammar exercises; short answers/paragraphs; compositions; pen pal letters; reports and essay

HOMEWORK POLICY:

Any homework assigned should be completed and brought to class the following day. There is a strong correlation between regular review and completion of homework and success in the course.

TESTING POLICY:

All learning will be evaluated using the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Large unit tests and assignment deadlines will be announced well in advance. In the case of legitimate absence, **it is your responsibility**, in addition to bringing the required note from home the day you return to class, to see the teacher and be prepared to write a make-up test or perform an alternative task as arranged. If you know in advance that you will need to complete a test outside of the regularly scheduled time, **you must make prior arrangements** with the teacher.

EXTRA HELP:

I encourage you to make an appointment with me if you need clarification or extra help on any of the material covered in class. Please attend the weekly lunchtime tutorial as often as you like.

PURCHASED BY STUDENT:

It is highly recommended that you attain a personal copy of a Spanish/English dictionary (may be purchased at any major bookstore)

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

Field trips and other cultural components of the course may incur additional costs. These events are an integral and enriching component of the course and every effort should be made to participate. If funding is a concern, please speak with me; no student will be excluded due to lack of funding.

EVALUATION POLICY:

See Moderns and Classics Department Policy sheet for more detail.

Final Marks Distribution:

Listening and Speaking	35
Reading and Writing	35
Summative Evaluation	30
Total	100

¡Hasta la vista! And here's to a great year!