

Spanish Language & Culture B Syllabus

Course Overview: This course is designed for native, or Heritage, speakers of Spanish and/or students who have been enrolled in a Dual Language program beginning in elementary school. In most cases this course serves as the second year requirement in World Languages for graduation, and it also prepares students interested in continuing their Spanish Language development to take more advanced levels including: AP Spanish Language & Culture and AP Spanish Literature & Culture.

Course Goals:

1. Maintain and continue to develop native tongue
2. Transfer literacy skills between English and Spanish
3. Gain universal knowledge of Spanish and its regional variations and cultures across the globe
4. Promote a positive image of the Spanish language and cultures as well as the rich benefits of being bilingual
5. Narrow the fluency gap between languages

Content Outline: The course consists of six thematic "Colecciones" or units, all of which are included in our district-adopted textbook *Nuevas vistas 2*. Each "colección" is comprised of selected readings, a Spanish-speaking country of focus, vocabulary, grammar, spelling and composition.

Colección 1: Esfuerzos heroicos (agosto/septiembre)

"Autobiografía de un esclavo"

"En la noche"

"Trabajo de campo"

Cultura y Lengua: Cuba

Gramática: los pronombres, usos de la letra mayúscula

Ortografía: el acento diacrítico, la diéresis

Taller del escritor: la narración

Colección 2: Lazos de amistad (octubre/noviembre)

"Cadena rota"

"Naranjas"

"Una carta a Dios"

"La muralla"

Cultura y Lengua: Los mexico-americanos

Gramática: el adjetivo, el adverbio, el comparativo, los diminutivos y aumentativos

Ortografía: los sonidos /r/ y /rr/, el sonido /y/, la acentuación de Palabras agudas, llanas, esdrújulas y sobresdrújulas

Taller del escritor: la descripción

Colección 3: El frágil medio ambiente (noviembre/diciembre)

"La fiesta del árbol"

"Arbol adentro"

"Paisaje"

"Meciendo"

"Las abejas de bronce"

"Dicen que no hablan las plantas"

Cultura y Lengua: Chile

Gramática: usos de "se", la voz pasiva

Ortografía: las letras "b" y "v", diptongos e hiatos

Taller del escritor: la exposición

Colección 4: Pruebas (enero/febrero)

"El anillo del general Macías"

"Cajas de cartón"

Cultura y Lengua: México

Gramática: cláusulas de relativo y pronombres relativos

Ortografía: las letras "m" y "n", la sílaba tónica

Taller del escritor: la persuasión

Colección 5: Mitos (marzo/abril)

"Del Popol Vuh"

"Tres mitos latinoamericanos"

"La historia de Quetzalcoatl"

"El casamiento del sol"

"Los primeros incas"

Cultura y Lengua: Los mayas

Gramática: el modo (indicativo vs. subjuntivo)

Ortografía: el sonido /s/, formas verbales

Taller del escritor: la persuasión

Colección 6: Perspectivas humorísticas (abril/mayo)

"El libro talonario"

"El delantal blanco"

Cultura y Lengua: España

Gramática: el aspecto (perfectivo, imperfectivo, progresivo)

Ortografía: verbos que terminan en -ear, los pares mínimos

Taller del escritor: la exposición

Supplemental Readings:

Grading Scale:

Marianela

Don Juan Tenorio

La gitanilla

Senderos fronterizos

Fuenteovejuna

La Celestina

A = 100% - 90%

B = 89% - 80%

C = 79% - 70%

D = 69% - 60%

F = 59% - 0%

Grading: Grades are determined on a point system including homework, tests, essays, classwork, projects and presentations, participation, Mid-term & Final Exam. In order to pass this course, students should complete all assignments as well as submit quality work. Students are expected to arrive prepared and participate in all classroom discussions and activities. Students are responsible for getting make-up work and may retake exams with a grade of D or F after attending two tutorial sessions. The average of the two grades will be credited. Progress reports will be given on a regular basis and are available at any time upon request. Our academic honesty policy will be strictly enforced as well as the progressive fundamental card system.

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Tutoring: Wednesdays, 3-4pm or by appt.

Conference period: 6th period (2-3pm)