**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS**

**DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH**

**ELEMENTARY SPANISH**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed for students with no prior experience studying Spanish, or who have studied Spanish for one year or less at the high school level, or the equivalent.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

Blitt/Casas - Bundle: *Exploraciones*, 3rd + MindTap, 4 terms Printed Access Card  
ISBN-13: 9780357100769

Note: Course materials may be purchased as the bundle listed above, or as an online subscription to Cengage Unlimited. Visit [cengage.com/unlimited](https://www.cengage.com/unlimited/) for more information on purchasing options.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES TOWARD 21ST CENTURY SKILLS**

A number of national organizations came together to identify the skills that are needed for us to live and work in a global environment. Listed below are some of those skills and how your coursework will help you develop them (information on skills is drawn from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages [ACTFL] World Languages 21st Century Skills Map).

* **Communication**

The main skill that you will learn in this course is communication. You will learn how to communicate in Spanish in three ways, or modes: the interpersonal mode is a two-way communication with another person; this is a conversation that takes place by speaking or in writing. The interpretive mode focuses on the ability to understand one-way communication, for example, understanding a written article, a video, or a speech. The presentational mode involves the skill of presenting information in different ways, such as in a live oral presentation, a video, or written report.

* **Collaboration and Social Skills**

Collaboration is an important skill in most careers. It involves communicating your ideas effectively, working with diverse team members, and assuming responsibility for your part of the work. You will be collaborating with classmates to complete activities during class.

* **Critical Thinking**

Critical thinking skills are essential in nearly every career choice. You are using critical thinking skills when you analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information that you have observed or gathered. You’ll use your critical thinking skills in many ways in this course. For example, when you begin studying a new grammar point in the section called **A analizar**, you will use the skill of inductive reasoning. First, you’ll study examples of how the structure is used; then, you’ll figure out how the structure is used.

* **Creativity**

Many careers require you to be creative or to develop innovations. In this class, you will have the chance to showcase your inventiveness and imagination when you prepare and upload original materials online.

* **Information Literacy**

One aspect of information literacy is the ability to access and use culturally authentic sources of information. You’ll be doing this when you research information for short reports in the **Conexiones culturales** activities.

* **Technology Literacy**

Technology literacy includes the ability to use different digital tools to access information and to communicate with others. You will be using a variety of digital tools in this course.

* **Initiative and Self Direction; Productivity and Accountability**

A key to success in nearly every career is the ability to prioritize and complete tasks even when there is no direct oversight. This includes being able to manage your time and monitor your progress. These skills call on you to take responsibility for your learning. To help you do that, the assignments you will need to complete in preparation for each class are clearly listed in the syllabus and online.

**ASSESSMENT**

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| **Evaluation Procedure** | **Weight** |
| Participation | 20% |
| Quizzes | 20% |
| Online Homework | 15% |
| Activities | 10% |
| Integrated Performance Assessments | 20% |
| Final Exam | 15% |

**PARTICIPATION**

To achieve the highest possible personal level of proficiency in Spanish and to be successful in this course, it is necessary to come to each class focused on that goal. Students who perform the five basic tasks listed in the rubric below will be well on their way to being successful in communicating in Spanish. Additionally, students will see these efforts recognized and rewarded; class participation is a substantial portion of the course grade. Please note students must perform **all** five tasks listed in the rubric below to receive participation points each day. Students not meeting or exceeding expectations for all five tasks listed in the rubric below will receive a zero (verbal/written warnings and reduced points may also be assigned according to the policy of the instructor).

**All boxes must be checked in the “Exceeds/Meets Expectations” category in the rubric to receive participation points.**

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| **Classroom Tasks** | **Exceeds / Meets Expectations** | **Does Not Meet Expectations** |
| 1. Speaks in Spanish as directed the entire class period |  |  |
| 1. Works well with classmates (e.g., is an active listener, is respectful, helpful, and supportive of classmates, etc.) |  |  |
| 1. Stays on task during class |  |  |
| 1. Comes prepared to class (e.g., completed assigned homework, brings required materials, etc.) |  |  |
| 1. Arrives on time to class and stays for entire period |  |  |

**QUIZZES**

Announced and/or unannounced quizzes will be given over any material covered. No makeup work will be allowed for quizzes in the case of unexcused absence.

**ONLINE HOMEWORK**

You will complete homework using an online platform called MindTap, which is accessed through Canvas. This portion of the course consists of activities and projects offering practice of all vocabulary, grammar, and cultural topics introduced. Due dates are listed on the course calendar, and late submissions will not be accepted except in the case of excused absence. In case of technical difficulties, students should contact Cengage Technical Support at <https://cengage.force.com/s/contact-us> or 1-800-354-9706.

For step-by-step help getting registered for MindTap, go to [cengage.com/start-strong](https://www.cengage.com/student-training/?utm_campaign=startstrong&utm_medium=offline&utm_source=directmail&utm_content=479795) for a training video and instructions. When prompted, select that you’re using MindTap in Canvas.

**ACTIVITIES**

This portion of the course consists of activities and tasks you will complete in and out of class. Assignments may include but are not limited to writing tasks, cultural activities, and participation in a conversation club. Your instructor will provide specific details about requirements and expectations.

**FINAL EXAM**

The final exam is comprehensive. Check the UNT Final Exam Schedule at <https://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/spring> for the day and time of your final exam. All students must take the final exam on the day and time listed for their class in the schedule unless otherwise authorized by the appropriate academic dean. See full policy at <https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-031>.

**INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**

An Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA) is a tool used to evaluate a learner’s level of language through real-life tasks. As developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, an IPA consists of three tasks that correspond to the three modes of communication:

1. **Interpretive**: First, students individually read and demonstrate their understanding of a short authentic written text (a webpage, an article, etc.) or an unscripted video related to the course material.

2. **Interpersonal**: Then, in pairs, students speak or write in Spanish about a topic related to the written text or video that they have already worked with.

3. **Presentational**: Finally, students individually make brief presentations in Spanish related to the topic that they have discussed. The presentations may take many forms: a written message, an article, a poster, a short video, a speech, etc.

Each task is evaluated separately with a rubric correlated to the ACTFL proficiency guidelines (Novice-mid, Novice-high, Intermediate-low, etc.).

**COURSE POLICIES**

**Disability Accommodation Statement:**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at [*http://www.unt.edu/oda*](http://www.unt.edu/oda). You may also contact them by phone at [*940.565.4323*](tel:940.565.4323).

Note: Students with a modification in course attendance are allowed three unexcused absences according to the language of the accommodation. Thereafter, students must follow the course attendance policy as written in the syllabus.

**Statement on Diversity:**

The Department of Spanish strictly adheres to UNT standards for diversity and inclusion in all interactions with students, faculty and staff as stated in UNT Policy 04.018 University Policy Statement on Diversity:

The University of North Texas values diversity and individuality as part of advancing ideals of human worth, dignity and academic excellence. Diverse viewpoints enrich open discussion, foster the examination of values and exposure of biases, help educate people in rational conflict resolution and responsive leadership, and prepare us for the complexities of a pluralistic society. As such, the University of North Texas is committed to maintaining an open, welcoming atmosphere that attracts qualified students, staff, and faculty from all groups to support their success.

The University of North Texas does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status in its application and admission process, educational programs and activities, employment policies and use of university facilities.

**Student behavior in the classroom:**

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at [www.unt.edu/csrr](file:///E:\www.unt.edu\csrr).

**Attendance:**

No makeup work will be allowed for unexcused absences. Only those individuals whose absences are authorized by the instructor will be eligible to make up any assessment or assignment missed. Excused absences include the following: illness with a written excuse from a medical professional, death in the family, religious holidays, military training, and university-sponsored activities. Documentation must be provided (physician’s statement, obituary, etc.) the first day upon returning to class for the absence to be excused. Absences in observance of religious holidays are authorized only if students have notified the instructor in writing within the first 15 days of the semester. For absences due to military training, students must present their paperwork to the instructor prior to absence. For absences due to university-sponsored activities, students must obtain authorized absence cards from the Dean of Students and present them to the instructor prior to absence.

**Food and beverages in the classroom:**

Food is not allowed in the classroom. Students can consume appropriate beverages during class periods only if their instructor gives approval.

**Student academic integrity:**

The UNT Department of Spanish adheres to the University’s policy on Student Academic Integrity. For all pertinent assignments and assessments, the work must be the student’s work only (unless otherwise indicated by the course instructor) and should reflect the student’s level of proficiency. Students are prohibited from asking another person (i.e., a friend, tutor, or relative) to help them develop or compose a response (oral or written) in preparation for, or while completing, an assignment or assessment that will be graded and applied to the student’s final grade in the course. This includes, but is not limited to, receiving outside assistance with drafting, revising, editing, or developing the content and structure of a response to an assignment or assessment question without consent from the course instructor. Also, the use of translation technology (any digital translation tool or app) is prohibited for all assignments and assessments and will be considered academic misconduct. Information “cut and pasted” or otherwise copied from other sources and used as answers in assignments and assessments will be considered plagiarism. If a student has any doubts whatsoever as to what constitutes any form of scholastic dishonesty, they should consult with the course instructor before submitting their work. Cheating, plagiarism, and other examples of academic misconduct defined by University Policy will result in a zero on the assignment or assessment in question, and may be reported to the Dean of Students.

**Use of electronic devices:**

Cell phones must be off and put away at all times during class meetings unless otherwise directed by the instructor. Laptops and tablets may be used to access the electronic text during class time, but inappropriate use will affect the participation grade.

**Use of email:**

Instructors of Spanish at the 1000 – 2000 level require students to use official UNT Eagle Connect for all communication. Instructors will only respond to email sent by students from a UNT Eagle Connect address. Likewise, instructors will only send email to UNT Eagle Connect addresses. Information about Eagle Connect can be found at <http://eagleconnect.unt.edu/>.

**A note on protocol:**

If a student has a problem with any issue related to the course (textbook, instructor, testing, etc.), it is his or her responsibility to discuss the problem first with their instructor before contacting the first year Spanish coordinator.

**First Year Spanish Coordinator**

Steven Sheppard

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**COURSE CALENDAR**

**Syllabus is subject to change. Class may be video recorded for pedagogical purposes. All online activities must be completed by 11:59 pm the day on which they are assigned in the syllabus.**

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| **Day** | | **Objectives** | **Online Activities** |
| **WEEK ONE** | | | |
| **1-13** | | **Introductions**  **Administrative Requirements**  **Capítulo 1: Hola, ¿qué tal?**   * Greetings, introductions, and good-byes, Classroom; *El alfabeto* (pp. 4-5) |  |
| **1-15** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *Los países hispanos* (p. 6) * Gender and number of nouns (pp. 8-9) | R1-1, P1-3, P1-5, P1-10, R-16, R1-22, L1-23, U1-14, U1-15 |
| **1-17** | | * *Estereotipos* (p. 7) * Definite and indefinite articles and **hay** (pp. 11-12) | P1-24, P1-25 P1-26, P1-28, U1-31, R1-32, L1-33 |
| **WEEK TWO** | | | |
| **1-20** | | **NO CLASS – MLK Day** | |
| **1-22** | | * **Lectura:** *La escuela es para todos* (pp. 16-17) * Descriptive adjectives (p. 18) | P1-34, P1-35, P1-37, P1-38, P1-40, P1-42, U1-49, L1-52 |
| **1-24** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *La diversidad en la pintura* (p. 20) * Subject pronouns and the verb **ser** (pp. 22-23) | P1-56, P1-57, P1-59, U1-62, U1-63, U1-66, R1-70, L1-71 |
| **WEEK THREE** | | | |
| **1-27** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *La diversidad en Latinoamérica* (21) * Adjective agreement (p. 25) | U1-68, P1-73, P1-75, P1-76, P1-78, P1-79, R1-82, L1-83 |
| **1-29** | | * **Lectura:** *Algunos famosos de Latinoamérica* (pp. 28-29) * **Exploraciones de repaso: estructuras** (p. 32) * **Exploraciones de repaso: comunicación** (p. 33) | P1-89, P1-90, R1-94, U1-95 |
| **1-31** | | **Capítulo 2: ¿Cómo es tu vida?**   * Family members and pets (p. 38) * **Conexiones culturales:** *Los apellidos* (p. 40) | R2-1, L2-2, U2-12, U2-13, U2-15, U2-16 |
| **WEEK FOUR** | | | |
| **2-3** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *La importancia de la familia* (p. 41) * Possessive adjectives(pp. 42-43) | P2-3, P2-4, P2-5, U2-11, U2-18, R2-20, L2-21 |
| **2-5** | | * Regular –**ar** verbs (p. pp. 45-46) * **Lectura:** *La familia típica latinoamericana* (pp. 50-51) | P2-22, P2-26, P2-27, U2-30, R2-31, L2-32, R2-46, U2-47 |
| **2-7** | | * Academic subjects (p. 52) * **Conexiones culturales:** *Las uniformes* (p. 54) | P2-36, P2-37, P2-39, U2-41, L2-51, U2-62, U2-63, U2-65 |
| **WEEK FIVE** | | | |
| **2-10** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *La Universidad Autónoma de México* (p. 55) * The verb **tener** (p. 56) | P2-50, P2-53, P2-55, P2-56, U2-60, U2-68, R2-70, L2-71 |
| **2-12** | | * Adjective placement (p. 59) * Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns (p. 565) | P2-74, P2-77, P2-78, P2-79, U2-81, R2-82, L2-83 |
| **2-14** | | * **Exploraciones de repaso: estructuras** (p. 66) * **Exploraciones de repaso: comunicación** (p. 67) | P2-85, P2-86, P2-87, P2-94 |
| **WEEK SIX** | | | |
| **2-17** | | **Capítulo 3: ¿Qué tiempo hace hoy?**   * Seasons, weather, clothing, and colors (p. 74) * **Conexiones culturales:** *De colores* (p. 76) | R3-1, L3-2, U3-15, U3-16, R3-17, U3-18 |
| **2-19** | | * **Introduce IPA #1** |  |
| **2-21** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *La ropa* (p. 77) * The verb **gustar** (p. 78) | P3-4, P3-5, P3-6, R3-20, U3-21, U3-22, R3-23, L3-24 |
| **WEEK SEVEN** | | | |
| **2-24** | | * Regular **–er** and **–ir** verbs (pp. 81-82) * **Lectura:** *La ropa tradicional* (pp. 86-87) | P3-25, P3-26, P3-27, P3-29, R3-34, L3-35, R3-48, U3-49 |
| **2-26** | | * Time, days, months, and saying the date (p. 88) * **Conexiones culturales:** *El Día de los Muertos* (p, 90) | P3-37, P3-39, P3-40, U3-43, L3-53, U3-64, U3-65, U3-68 |
| **2-28** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *Días festivos* (p, 91) * The verb **ir** (pp. 92-93) | P3-54, P3-58, P3-60, U3-62, U3-70, R3-72, L3-73 |
| **WEEK EIGHT** | | | |
| **3-2** | | **IPA #1 INTERPERSONAL TASK (completed in class)** |  |
| **3-4** | | **IPA #1 INTERPERSONAL TASK (completed in class)** |  |
| **3-6** | | * I**r** + **a** + *infinitive* (p. 95) * **Lectura:** *La Navidad en algunos países hispanos* (pp. 98-99) | P3-75, P3-76, P3-77, U3-80, R3-81, L3-82, R3-92, U3-93 |
| **WEEK NINE** | | | |
| **3-9**  **– 13** | | **NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK** |  |
| **WEEK TEN** | | | |
| **3-16** | | * **Exploraciones de repaso: estructura** (p. 102) * **Exploraciones de repaso: comunicación** (p. 103)   **IPA #1 PRESENTATIONAL TASK (completed in last 25 minutes of class)** | P3-83, P3-84, P3-86, U3-90, P3-95 |
| **3-18** | | **Capítulo 4: ¿Dónde vives?**   * Places in a city (p. 108) * **Conexiones culturales:** *Grandes museos* (p. 110) | R4-1, L4-2, U4-12, U4-13, U4-15 |
| **3-20** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *Grandes parques* (p. 111) * Stem-changing verbs (**o** -> **ue**) (pp. 112-113) | P4-5, P4-7, P4-9, R4-17, U4-18, R4-20, L4-21 |
| **WEEK ELEVEN** | | | |
| **3-23** | | * The verb **estar** with prepositions of place (p. 115) * **Lectura:** *Dos ciudades únicas de Latinoamérica* (pp. 120-121) | P4-23, P4-24, P4-25, R4-29, L4-30, R4-43, U4-44, U4-45 |
| **3-25** | | * Furniture and appliances (p. 122) * **Conexiones culturales:** *Refranes* (p. 124) | P4-32, P4-34, L4-48, U4-59, U4-60, R4-61, U4-62 |
| **3-27** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *Arquitectos españoles* (p. 125) * Interrogatives (pp. 126-127) | P4-50, P4-52, P4-55, U4-57, U4-65, R4-67, L4-68 |
| **WEEK TWELVE** | | | |
| **3-30** | | * **Introduce IPA #2** |  |
| **4-1** | | * Stem-changing verbs **e** -> **ie** and **e** -> **i** (pp. 129-130) * **Lectura:** *Soluciones…a la vivienda* (pp. 132-133) | P4-69, P4-73, P4-74, U4-75, R4-79, L4-80, R4-90, U4-91 |
| **4-3** | | * **Exploraciones de repaso: estructuras** (p. 136) * **Exploraciones de repaso: comunicación** (p. 137) | U4-47, P4-82, P4-83, P4-84, P4-86, P4-87 |
| **WEEK THIRTEEN** | | | |
| **4-6** | | **Capítulo 5: ¿Estás feliz en el trabajo?**   * Adjectives of emotion and physical states (p. 144) * **Conexiones culturales:** *El arte y la emoción* (p. 146) | R5-1, L5-2, U5-12, U5-13, U5-15 |
| **4-8** | | * **Conexiones culturales:** *Supersticiones* (p. 147) * **Estar** with adjectives and the present progressive (pp. 148-149) | P5-5, P5-6, P5-7, U5-10, U5-18, U5-19, R5-20, L5-21 |
| **4-10** | | **IPA #2 INTERPERSONAL TASK (completed in class)** |  |
| **WEEK FOURTEEN** | | | |
| **4-13** | | **IPA #2 INTERPERSONAL TASK (completed in class)** |  |
| **4-15** | | **KENTUCKY FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONFERENCE**  **NO CLASS.** | **SEE CANVAS** |
| **4-17** | | **KENTUCKY FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONFERENCE**  **NO CLASS.** | **SEE CANVAS** |
| **WEEK FIFTEEN** | | | |
| **4-20** | | * Profesiones (p. 158)   **IPA #2 PRESENTATIONAL TASK (completed in last 25 minutes of class)** | L5-48, U5-58, U5-59, R5-60, U5-61 |
| **4-22** | | * **Ser**and **estar** (pp. 151-152) * Verbs with changes in the first person   (pp. 162-163)   * **Conexiones culturales:** *¿Qué carrera estudiar?*   (p. 161) | P5-51, P5-53, P5-54, P5-55, U5-64, R5-66, L5-67 |
| **4-24** | | * **Saber**and **conocer** (p. 165) * **Lectura:** Trabajos y oficios que están cambiando (pp. 168-169) | P5-68, P5-70, P5-72, P5-74, R5-77, L5-78, R5-89, U5-90 |
| **WEEK SIXTEEN** | | | |
| **4-27** | | * **Review for Final Exam** | G1-97, G1-98, G2-95, P5-79, P5-80, P5-82, P5-84 |
| **4-29** | | * **Review for Final Exam** | G3-96, G4-94, G5-93 |
| **5-1** | **NO CLASS – READING DAY** | | |
| **WEEK SEVENTEEN** | | | |
| **5-2**  **– 8** | **FINAL EXAM**  Check the UNT Final Exam Schedule at <https://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/spring> for the day and time of your final exam. | | |