

Spanish 3130: Topics of Latin American Culture (Mexico and Costa Rica)

Professor: Dr. Lee

UNT at Denton: LANG 216, 9:30-11:20

Veritas at Costa Rica: 9:00-11:00

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Course Description: This course is designed to provide various cultural and intellectual traditions of the Costa Rican and Mexican world as described in literature, art, and film. Each week of the course focuses on a certain period or topic of Mexican and Costa Rican history and culture from pre-Hispanic times to the present. At the same time, it is also designed to help students improve their language skills in Spanish.

Required Texts:

-Course Packet: *Copy Pro*, 1300 W. Hickory. (940-566-1151)

Evaluation:

Participation and attendance	20%
Presentation	5%
Pop Quiz	10%
Homework	15%
Group project	10%
Two Exams	40% (2 x 20%)

A 100-90 B 89-80 C 79-70 D 69-60 F 59-00

1. Participation and Attendance (20%): Student group and individual participation are essential for class discussion and thus active daily participation is required. Attendance does not affect your grade unless you miss class. You may miss 2 classes with no penalty. Each subsequent absence will result in the reduction of the final class grade by 2%. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. If you arrive late, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to notify the professor at the end of the session. Otherwise, you will be marked as absent.

2. Presentation (5%): Each student will give a presentation on a prescreened topic. It must last 8 to 10 minutes. Keep in mind the following steps while preparing for the presentation:

- 1) Select a topic and date from the course syllabus and talk to the professor at least 3 days prior to the presentation.
- 2) The professor will provide detailed guidelines for your presentation.
- 3) On the day of the presentation, prepare a 1 page summary of your presentation and make a copy for each student and the professor.

*Evaluation criteria: preparation, organization, audio-visual sources, and Spanish.

*Please note that presentation is not an act of reading. You are allowed to take a look at your notes but you **should NOT read** them. If you do not follow this rule, you will lose at least a **50%** of your presentation grade.

3. Pop Quiz (10%): There will be four pop quizzes about basic terms and concepts. Its format will be True/False type questions

4. Homework (15%): The professor will randomly conduct a completion check of homework. Homework should be done **before** coming to class.

5. Group Project (10%): TBA

6. Two Exams (40%): There will be 2 exams covering information on historical events, persons, concepts, geographical terms, and literary texts, etc. No make-ups will be given. Note the dates of exams before making travel plans.

***Rules of conduct: You must abide by the University of North Texas policies, including the UNT Code of Conduct, while enrolled in the program and you may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of those policies upon your return to campus.**

Academic Integrity Policy:

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.

Cell phones and laptops:

Cell phones must be turn off and kept out of sight at all times during class meetings. Any use of a cell phone or any electronic device in class will significantly lower your participation grade (First Warning- 0%/ Second Warning -20%/ Third Warning -50%). The use of laptop computers in class is not allowed unless otherwise directed by the instructor.

Student Behavior in the Classroom:

Student disruptive behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable 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 Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities 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 classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr.

Students with Learning Disabilities: *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>. You may also contact them by phone at [940.565.4323](tel:940.565.4323).*

*** Travel in Costa Rica**

- If you plan to travel inside San José, you don't need to inform me of your trip. However, it is a good idea to let your host family know about your whereabouts.
- If you plan to travel outside San José, you must leave your travel itinerary with the following people at least two or three days in advance.

1) Dr. Lee or Dr. Yoon (in writing)

2) at least two classmates who do not travel with you

3) your host family

(Leave the following information with those people: destination, duration, place to stay if away more than one night, emergency contact number, people who travel with you and their contact information.)

*Whether you travel inside or outside San José, always carry the address and phone number of your host family. It is always safer to travel with others, not alone.

Día	Lectura/ Tarea	Temas para la presentación
Día #1 06/04	Geografía: Costa Rica y México	modismo costarricense
Día #2 06/05	La familia latinoamericana	El compadrazgo
Día #3 6/06	Los Símbolos nacionales de Costa Rica	La Carreta/ Los instrumentos musicales en CR
Día #4 06/07	Boot Camp: Practicar el español para prepararse para el viaje	
Día #5 6/11	Orientación de Veritas	
Día #6 6/12	La conquista de Tenochtitlan y Costa Rica	la conquista de América central *Prueba #1
Día #7 6/13	La conquista de Tenochtitlan: los vencidos	Bernardino de Sahagún/ los códigos pictóricos (libros)
Día #8 6/14	La Malinche/ La Llorona	Malinchismo/ La Llorona en Costa Rica/
**6/15	DOKA COFFEE PLANTATION/LA PAZ WATERFALL	
Día #9 6/18	La época colonial/ Sor Juana *Repaso	El virreinato/ el criollismo *Prueba #2
Día #10 6/19	Examen I	
Día #11 6/20	Las Vírgenes: Guadalupe y los Angeles	La peregrinación a la Basílica de Guadalupe
Día #12 6/21	La independencia: México y Costa Rica	Provincias Unidas del Centro de América/ William Walker
Día #13 6/25	La revolución mexicana .	Emiliano Zapata/ Lázaro Cárdenas/ **Prueba #3
Día #14 6/26	Costa Rica Contemporáneo	José Figueres/ United Fruit Company
Día #15 6/27	El café y la evolución de la cocina costarricense	El cultivo de café y su exportación
Día #16 6/28	Al norte: Los ticos en los EE.UU. Al sur: Los nicas en Costa Rica	Los ticos en los EE.UU/ Los Nicas en Costa Rica **Prueba #4
Día #17 7/02	Proyecto grupal *Repaso	
Día #18 7/03	Examen II	

Día #19 7/04	Día festivo	
Día #20 07/05	3 de Junio: Reunión final	
Día #21 7/06	Día libre	
Día #22 7/07	Regresamos a Dallas!	