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Syllabus/Course Outline for Online Spanish 1301
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Course Title: ELEMENTARY SPANISH 1301 SPRING-CMP 2013 VC01

Calendar Dates: **24 February to 17 May 2014 (an 11 week semester).**

Catalog Course Description: Vocabulary, Grammar, Pronunciation, Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing in the Spanish Language. We actually learn and practice all of these skills during this online course.

Prerequisite: None

Required Textbook: You will need to purchase the required passcode or access code in order to get access to the online web site. The materials for the course are contained in a *stand-alone online e-textbook Spanish course.* **We will use all online materials this semester, and you will not have a hardcopy textbook - only an online "e-textbook".**

You can order the passcode / access code for the "e-textbook" through the Wayland bookstore at

http://bookstore.wbu.edu/virtualcampus

or directly from the publisher at

http://vistahigherlearning.com/store/waylandbaptist.htm/

The **ISBN is 978-1-61767-118-0 for the En línea 3.0 e-textbook code**. Since this is an e-book, there are no "used books" available, and you are not able to share the book with another student.

Other required materials for the online component:
1. a computer with sufficient power and with sound,
2. a basic headset with mike & headphones (or speakers and a mike),
3. quality internet access for watching videos online (DSL or broadband),
4. an active Wayland e-mail account.

On the Internet we will use:

1) **the web site for *Blackboard*** at WBU as a framework for the course
    (for syllabus, announcements, assignments, and grades), and
2) **the e-textbook website** (for tutorials, homework, and tests).

More detailed info will be given on all of these components in the Course Start-up Documents.

Course competencies: The successful student will be able to:

1. Comprehend basic sentences in the target language.
2. Demonstrate acceptable pronunciation skills in the target language.
3. Identify and use basic grammatical structures of the target language.
4. Develop and demonstrate reading and writing skills in the target language.
5. Grow in understanding and knowledge of the various Hispanic cultures.

Course requirements and means of assessment:

You will be expected to complete a variety of practice, listening, speaking, reading, and writing exercises on the course web sites, with points counted for each one. All exercises and exams have specific dates for completion, and will not be available after those dates. **The database we use makes no provision for extra work, for "make-up work", or for turning in homework late.**

Be forewarned that **there is a fair-sized list of assignments due every week** of the semester, so you will need to set aside sufficient time to complete them before weekly deadlines. ***If you won't have sufficient time to complete the homework <u>on a weekly schedule</u>, then we advise you not to enroll for the course.***

In order to be successful in the course, you will need to complete all the weekly assignments on time, and also take the online chapter exams when assigned.

GRADE CALCULATION

You will complete and submit online a number of exercises, recordings, and quizzes throughout the semester, each of which is assigned a certain number of points. At the end of each chapter of ***En Línea***, the points you have earned on the assignments for that chapter will be calculated as the homework grade for that chapter. There will also be a Chapter Exam for each of the chapters we will study

this semester. You will thus have two grades for each chapter, one for the homework and one for the chapter exam.

At the end of the semester, all your homework and exam grades for all chapters studied during the semester will be averaged and converted to a letter grade using the following guidelines:

A=90-100 %
B=80-89 %
C=70-79 %
D=60-69 %
F=below 60%reff

Policy on Academic Dishonesty: An online course is in a unique situation in relation to academic dishonesty, as we have to depend somewhat on the basic honesty of the student taking our courses. Academic dishonesty – when discovered - will be dealt with as delineated in the Wayland college catalog. On the other hand, I prefer to assume that most of our students are mature adults and will use the course to learn and grow in a positive, responsible, and honest manner, without reverting to dishonesty in any form.

This is a commercially created course by a highly respected textbook company, and is considered to be the best course of its type available today for learning Spanish online. We have used this e-textbook for more than a dozen semesters here at Wayland, with great success. It is well organized, highly informative, challenging, and very effective for learning basic Spanish.