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## SPNS 101: Elementary Spanish I, Fall 2020

TENTATIVE!

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**Email policy:** You must use your UM email to contact me (not gmail, yahoo, etc.)

**Course sections and location:** This section is taught entirely on Zoom ADD INFO ABOUT ZOOM

This website has a nice concise section called "tips for using zoom" along with a tutorial video for students made by UM Online. Please visit this page and make sure you are prepared to meet remotely!

[https://www.umt.edu/umonline/keep\\_on\\_learning/tools\\_keep\\_on\\_learning.php](https://www.umt.edu/umonline/keep_on_learning/tools_keep_on_learning.php)

**Your Zoom link for this course**

is: <https://umontana.zoom.us/j/91287155560?pwd=OXQ3ZVE5eXoxQjU2d1p5a3dKYzA2dz09>

**ID Number: 91287155560**

**Course Description:**

The purpose of this course is to begin developing proficiency in Spanish in all four skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing). While grammatical topics are covered, the importance of using language for communicative purposes is emphasized. Since acquisition cannot take place without input in the target language, instructors will use Spanish as much as possible.

**Learning Outcomes:**

**The successful student will be able to:**

1. Understand spoken and written Spanish in the context of common situations and in a basic range of grammatical structures and expressions, specifically, those emphasized in the *Portales* textbook, Chapters 1 - 5.
2. Produce comprehensible spoken and written Spanish, including short paragraphs and brief verbal responses to a range of communication topics, also specified by *Portales*.
3. Acquire knowledge of the geography, culture and people of regions where Spanish is spoken, as indicated by the cultural units provided in *Portales*.

**Your responsibilities in this class:**

Spanish 101 is a cumulative course, so that your success in grasping the material presented one week will depend on your having mastered material presented in previous weeks. It is essential for you to keep up with the topics covered and assignments. Do not leave everything for the last minute before a deadline.

**Required Class Materials:** Required course materials are available at the campus bookstore, and also directly from Vista Higher Learning. Find the required materials for your course at the best price here:

<https://vistahigherlearning.com/school/umontana>

- **Textbook:** Blanco, J. *Portales 1*. Only the electronic version is required (eCompanion). We will use the Supersite that contains the ebook and activities. Your textbook is used for SPNS 101 and 102.
- Student Tech Support: (800) 248-2813
- For questions or additional support with orders from VHL's online store, please contact VHL Customer Service directly at (800)-269-6311 or at [info@vistahigherlearning.com](mailto:info@vistahigherlearning.com).

- For help navigating the program platform where you will access course assignments, resources, and more, and to make sure your computer is set with the required updates to successfully access and complete activities, go to: <http://support.vhlcentral.com/>

**Grading:**

- Homework: 15%
- Quizzes: 10%
- Participation/Preparation/Attendance: 25%
- Two Oral Exams, each worth 15%: 30%
- Two Written Exams (midterm and Final, each worth 10%): 20%

**Grading scale \* Be sure you know what grade you need for your major**

Letter grade	Number grade	Letter grade	Number grade
A	94-100	C	73-76
A-	90-93	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	0-59

**\*For CR/NCR grading option, you must earn a D- or above to receive credit.**

\_\_\_ Please note that your instructor is not permitted to share grading information with you via email.

\_\_\_ Please arrange an appointment with your instructor if you would like to discuss your grade.

\_\_\_ Also, all email communication with your instructor must take place through official UM email addresses.

**Assignments:**

**Supersite assignments:**

- **Assignments:** Use the CALENDAR tool on the Supersite to find out which assignments are due each week. Deadlines for Supersite exercises will be 11:59 p.m. on Fridays. Most of the assignments are automatically graded. Be aware of the **weekly deadlines**.
- **Lesson Quizzes:** Also on the Supersite; these assignments are timed. Once begun, quizzes must be completed as students cannot exit and re-enter the test. It is the students' responsibility to utilize a reliable internet connection. Please try to troubleshoot your computer problems way before the deadline. Do not wait until the last minute to find out your computer is not working properly. For IT and Moodle questions, please call 243-4999. Please note that a good part of the Spanish 101 course is hosted by Vista Supersite and NOT Moodle.

**Participation and preparation:**

A satisfactory participation and preparation grade assumes that you come to class each day prepared to be actively engaged in all class activities. You will have the responsibility of reading over a new grammar point or learning new vocabulary on your own before we go over it in class so that class time can be used to answer questions and practice but not to simply reiterate what is explained in the book.

**Oral Exams:** There will be two opportunities in which you will be required to meet with your instructor through Zoom. More details will be provided in class.

### **Announcements and contacting the instructor:**

The instructor will attempt to answer student email within 24 hours, except during weekends and holidays. Best way to contact instructor is by e-mail: [clary.loisel@umontana.edu](mailto:clary.loisel@umontana.edu). Students should look for instructor email responses Monday through Friday anytime between 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. Office hours will be by appointment through Zoom.

### **A Note on Email and Spam Filters**

All email communication for the course will be sent to your official university email, and not to other email providers. If you don't normally check your university email, you will miss important emails. You can have your university email forward messages to other email addresses (e.g., gmail, yahoo, etc). When I email the whole class the message will go to lots of email addresses, and some email providers will block this as spam. You will want to check the settings of your spam filters so that they allow such messages.

### **Academic honesty:**

Honesty and integrity are the foundations to being a good student. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the [Student Conduct Code](#).

Turning in work that you did not write, for which you had considerable direct help from someone else, or which a translation service or computer program has translated, will be considered cheating. Computer-aided or assisted translated work is highly awkward. If the instructor suspects this kind of work, the instructor reserves the right to additionally interview and/or retest the student, or arrange for proctored testing. Anyone caught copying from others or allowing others to copy his/her work is subject to receiving an "F" in the class.

### **Course withdrawal:**

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020 is the last day to withdraw from the course with a partial refund.

For a detailed listing of important University dates and deadlines, please see the [Registrar's Calendar links online](#).

### **Students with disabilities:**

The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and [Disability Services for Students \(DSS\)](#). If you think you may have a disability adversely affecting your academic performance, and you have not already registered with [DSS](#), please contact [DSS](#) in Lommasson 154. I will work with you and [DSS](#) to provide an appropriate accommodation.

### **Computers and Course Website Information**

Students are expected to be familiar with computers and the Internet. Students are responsible for their own software and computer equipment maintenance and setup as recommended by the University of Montana.

<http://umonline.umt.edu/student-support.php>

*Class-Specific Computer Requirements:*

- Students are expected to have a 'back up plan' if personal computers become compromised.
- The University of Montana maintains several computer labs on campus:  
<http://www.umt.edu/it/support/computerlabs/default.php>
- Students are expected to download copies of course information as necessary and to check email for class announcements.
- Resources for Moodle and Zoom  
[https://www.umt.edu/umonline/keep\\_on\\_learning/tools\\_keep\\_on\\_learning.php](https://www.umt.edu/umonline/keep_on_learning/tools_keep_on_learning.php)
- For technical support for using Moodle, please contact UM IT support:  
<http://www.umt.edu/it/support/default.php>

This information is NOT relevant for our class, but it is important for other classes you may be taking either face-to-face or hybrid:

COVID Information:

[UM Coronavirus website](#)

- Mask use is required within the classroom. [View UM's face covering policy.](#)
- Each student is provided with a Healthy Griz kit. We expect students to clean their personal work space when they arrive for class, and before they leave the classroom.
- Refill stations for cleaning supplies/hand sanitizer will be set up around campus - please learn where they are and use them.
- Classrooms may have one-way entrances / exits to minimize crowding.
- Students are discouraged from congregating outside the classroom before and after class.
- Practice social distancing seating.
- Drinking liquids and eating food (which requires mask removal) is strongly discouraged within the classroom.
- There is high demand for spaces on campus to accommodate students with inadequate WiFi in their homes or quick turnarounds between face-to-face and remote classes. A list of remote learning spaces with the days and times available for student use will be posted on [the Keep on Learning website.](#) There will be signs posted outside of these buildings and rooms to indicate their availability.
- **Stay home and contact the Curry Health Center at (406) 243-4330** if you feel sick and/or if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
- If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, follow instructions for quarantine and contact your advisor so they can help you stay on track academically.
- Students, please remain vigilant outside the classroom and help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

### Did you know that...?

- The United States has the second largest Spanish-speaking population in the world after Mexico. In the US there are over 50 million Spanish speakers (41 million native speakers, 11 million fluent 2<sup>nd</sup> language speakers).
- Spanish is the third most widely spoken language in the world after English and Mandarin.
- Spanish is the official language in twenty-one countries.
- There are over 400 million Spanish speakers worldwide.
- Hispanics are the largest minority in the US, and Spanish is the second most spoken language in the US. In fact, Spanish is currently spoken by 16% of the US population.
- Experts predict that by the year 2050, there will be 530 million Spanish speakers, of which 100 million will be living in the US.
- Latin American countries are some of the US's most important trading partners.
- Being able to speak Spanish greatly enhances your resume, no matter your major. If you are bilingual, you are more competitive in the workplace.

Grade Sheet for SPNS 101, Fall 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homework 15% (from "Portales" Supersite:) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Quizzes 10% (from "Portales" Supersite:) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_ divided by number of quizzes \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ X .10

Participation/Preparation/Attendance: 25% \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Oral Exams 30% (each worth 15%)

First Oral Exam: \_\_\_\_\_ x .15

Second Oral Exam: \_\_\_\_\_ x .15

Written Exams 20% (Midterm and Final. Each worth 10%)

Midterm: \_\_\_\_\_ x .10

Final: \_\_\_\_\_ x .10

Numerical Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Grade: \_\_\_\_\_