

INSTRUCTORS

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World Languages and Literatures

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RESPONSE TIME

Please note that my goal is to respond to student communications within 24 hours during weekdays. If for some reason I am unable to do so, I will follow up as soon as possible. I also always try to let you know ahead of time if I will be unreachable.

ASSIGNMENT FEEDBACK

My goal is to return graded assignments to you within 48 hours. If for some reason I am unable to do so, I will do my best to let you know in advance and will return your graded assignment to you as soon as possible.

COURSE DEVELOPER(S)

This course was developed by Allison Larkin in collaboration with the Academic Technology Services Office for Dedman College. It follows the Dedman College Guidelines for Online Course Development, as well as the SMU World Languages and Literatures Guidelines for Online Courses.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course aims to develop insight into the interconnectedness of the fundamentals of language and its application to communication. The main focus of the course is to provide students with rudimentary linguistic (vocabulary and grammar) and cultural (acquaintance with the Spanish-speaking world) tools that will allow them to further pursue studies of the Hispanic culture. To varying degrees attention is devoted to all four linguistic skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing).

PREREQUISITE

Placement exam or consent of the WLL Advisor or Area Advisor. Students must complete the Student Information Survey and include the results of their Placement Exam, if applicable. Please contact the Second Language Advisor, Dr. Brandon Miller (bgmiller@smu.edu), if you have questions or concerns regarding your placement. The instructor has the right to disallow you from taking the class if she or he does not have your placement test results.

FORMAT

This course lasts 5 weeks and is fully online. Attendees will meet synchronously for many of the activities, but all of the readings and exercises will be completed asynchronously within SMU's Learning Management System - Canvas, the Vista Higher Learning (VHL) Central Site, and/or other outside resources. Attendance in this course is met by the timely completion of the required assignments and activities embedded within this course.

The course will be divided as follows:

Start Here Module: December 13

Module 1: December 13 – 17

Module 2: December 18 – 23

December 24 - 25 Holiday Break

Module 3: December 26 – December 30

December 31 - January 1 Holiday Break

Module 4: January 2 – January 5

Module 5: January 6 – 11

Module 6 & Final: January 12 – 16

LEARNING OUTCOMES

COURSE LEVEL OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course a successful student will be able to do the following:

CLO1 (Vocabulary): Describe more abstract topics beyond his or her immediate environment, including but not limited to shopping, the daily routine, food, holidays, health, and technology using more complex sentences.

CLO 2 (Grammar): Form and use the both past and present tense and informal commands as well as recognize future tenses.

CLO 3 (Culture): Describe, compare, and contrast various cultural components of Spanish-speaking countries and their cultures (e.g. geographical traits, educational systems, socio-political facts and cultural contributions, etc.) and discuss your opinion.

CLO 4: (Listening): Comprehend relatively simple authentic material and information about more abstract topics.

CLO 5 (Speaking): Produce communicative exchanges by relying on learned utterances, expanded through a recombination of elements and demonstrating signs of spontaneity, in addition to producing improved pronunciation.

CLO 6 (Reading): Extract main ideas and concepts from more complex texts.
CLO 7 (Writing): Write coherent and well-articulated paragraphs (approximately 250 words) with diverse vocabulary while starting to cultivate creativity in written expression.

MODULE LEVEL OUTCOMES

Throughout the modules in this course there are module-level outcomes listed. Next to each module level outcome (e.g., MLO 1.1) there is a number or numbers in parenthesis. That number or numbers correspond to the above course level outcomes (e.g., CLO 1). Everything you do in this course flows back to these course level outcomes.

GRADING

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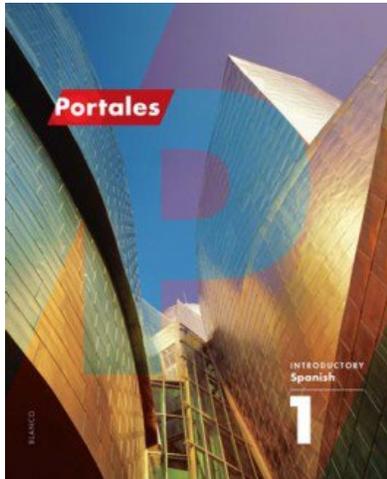
Your work and overall performance will be recorded on Canvas. Students can access their current weighted average at any time under the Total Column. See the upper right-hand section of this page for the weight that each category and/or assignment holds.

GRADING SCALE

- (A) Outstanding work far exceeds what is expected (superior).
 - (A) 93-100
 - (A-) 90-92
- (B) Excellent work exceeds what is expected (above average).
 - (B+) 87-89
 - (B) 83-86
 - (B-) 80-82
- (C) Good work basically meets expectations (average).
 - (C+) 77-79
 - (C) 73-76
 - (C-) 70-72
- (D) Acceptable work is not particularly good, but not failing (below average).
 - (D+) 67-69
 - (D) 63-66
 - (D-) 60-62
- (F) Unacceptable work demonstrates poor effort and/or understanding (failing).
 - (F) 59 and below

MATERIALS

REQUIRED



Portales. Blanco, José A. *Portales: Introductory Spanish 1*, 2016. ISBN: 978-1-68004-195-8

Please purchase an access code to the VHL Central Site (Supersite) for *Portales* to obtain the eCompanion (digital textbook) and the VHL Central Workbook. You must enroll in your instructor's course. If you do not already have an unexpired code from SPAN 1401, you should purchase a 6 month access code. Watch this tutorial video if you need assistance registering on VHL Central and enrolling in your instructor's course.

See Course Components and Technology sections below for more information.

COURSE COMPONENTS

VHL CENTRAL ASSIGNMENTS

VHL Central is the online workbook that accompanies the textbook/eBook. Students need to enroll in the instructor's SPAN 1402 section with the textbook *Portales*.

ALL VHL Central Site assignments are due by 11:59pm on the due date indicated.
ALL VHL Assignments will be accepted late for a 20% per day penalty.
It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the due dates and submit the assignments on time.

There are THREE types of assignments that will be completed on the VHL Central Site: Explore & Learn, Practice and Self-check “Autoevaluación” assignments, and Chapter Quizzes “Prueba de práctica” assignments. The Explore & Learn, Practice and Self-check “Autoevaluación” assignments include introductions to the material followed by practice exercises that provide an opportunity to practice and reinforce the corresponding material. Students are expected to take detailed notes during the tutorials. Students will receive one grade per chapter for each category of these assignments. Students are permitted and encouraged to reference their textbook to complete these activities.

1. Explore & Learn: Explore & Learn activities are graded on completion and students have 3 chances to answer the questions.
2. Practice and Self-check “Autoevaluación”: Practice activities are graded on accuracy and students have 3 chances to answer the questions. Self-check “Autoevaluación” assignments are graded on accuracy and students have 1 chance to answer.
3. Chapter Quizzes “Prueba de práctica”: These are chapter quizzes that are formal evaluation of your knowledge of the corresponding material. They are to be completed at the end of each chapter. Chapter quizzes are graded on accuracy and you have 1 chance to answer each question accurately.

CANVAS DISCUSSIONS and SELF-INTRO VIDEO

Class discussions on the cultural content of the course will be held on Canvas in both Spanish and English. You are required to contribute to the discussions by the dates indicated on the syllabus. You will also submit a brief self-introduction video in Spanish via Kaltura. You will be graded on the quality, accuracy, and organization of your submissions as well as the quality of your Spanish, when applicable. Late submissions will lose 20% the first day late and will not be accepted after that.

ESCRITURA (WRITING) ASSIGNMENTS

There will be two writing assignments throughout the course. Escritura assignments will be written in Spanish and will be approximately 250 words each. You will submit revisions of the writing assignments which must include the instructor’s corrections and feedback. Your writing will be graded on content, grammar, vocabulary, organization and style. Escritura assignments will be accepted late for a 20% per day penalty.

PARTNER PRACTICE CHATS

With an assigned partner you must arrange a time to log onto Zoom to complete a practice conversation in Spanish. The Partner Practice Chat is a recorded videoconference role-play between two or three students. Each student must adjust the settings on their Zoom account to video record the conversation and each student is required to upload a copy of the conversation to Canvas. You will receive a prompt and/or theme to discuss. The Partner Practice Chats reflect what you have studied and should be 1 - 3 minutes total. The Partner Practice Chat is NOT to be read from a

script. Partner Practice Chats are graded on content, grammar, vocabulary, delivery, and pronunciation. Recorded submissions in which the participants are not audible nor visible will receive a zero. Partner Practice Chats will be accepted late for a 20% per day penalty.

ORAL INTERVIEWS with the INSTRUCTOR

There will be several oral interviews with the instructor via Zoom to assess oral proficiency in Spanish, which must be scheduled at least 3 days in advance with the instructor. The oral interviews will be based on topics, vocabulary, and grammar covered in the corresponding chapters. During the interview each student has to demonstrate his/her speaking skills and the ability to negotiate meaning in Spanish without the use of notes or other resources. The final interview of the course will be conducted with both a classmate and the instructor. Each student is graded individually and the instructor may partake in the interview if necessary by asking additional questions. The oral interview will be accepted late for a 20% per day penalty. Missed appointments will result in an automatic 20% deduction.

EXAMS

Chapter Exams: There will be two exams over the course of the semester that will be completed on Canvas. Exam #1 will focus on Chapters 6 & 7 and Exam #2 will focus on Chapters 8, 9, & 10. (Chapter 11 will be included on the FINAL EXAM.) These exams will focus on listening, vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, and short-answers in Spanish. They will contain material from the textbook, Canvas discussions, and other assigned materials and may include any cultural material that has been covered in the course. Although the focus will be on the material from the specific chapters, all exams are comprehensive in the sense that the material studied builds on material previously learned. If review material comes up indirectly on an exam, you will be expected to know it. Chapter Exams will be accepted late for a 20% per day penalty.

Final Exam: The final exam is cumulative (i.e. it covers all the material covered throughout the semester) and will be completed on Canvas. It will test listening, vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, and writing. Cultural material may also be included on the final. The final exam will be administered as specified in the official University examination schedule, and shall not be administered during the last week of classes or during the Reading Period or any other time. Late Final Exams will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT

FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

Typed assignments must adhere to the following formatting requirements:

- Word-processed including accent marks and other special characters

- Double-spaced
- One-inch margins on all sides
- 12 point font (Times, Times New Roman)
- Length (where applicable, predetermined by the instructor)

GRADES, DISPUTING GRADES, and REGRADING

The departmental policy requires that all grades be posted on Canvas and available to students within seven calendar days.

All grade disputes are to be made in writing. A student has until one week after receiving his/her grade to dispute the grade in writing. When disputing a grade, you should state the question, the dispute, and the number of points you feel you should have received for the question. Please note that when you ask for a question to be regraded, the entire assignment may be regraded, and there is a possibility of losing points. Students should keep all course materials that have been returned to them until the end of the semester. In cases of suspected plagiarism all material the student has handed in during the semester may be subject to review. Inability to produce these materials in the case of a review may result in a lowering of the student's grade for the course.

IMPORTANCE and SIGNIFICANCE of this SYLLABUS

It is of utmost importance that you keep a copy of the syllabus throughout the semester. Thoroughly acquaint yourself with its contents and refer to it frequently. The instructor reserves the right not to address questions whose answers can be found on the syllabus.

TECHNOLOGY

To be successful in this fully online course, students should have basic keyboarding and computer skills, and be comfortable navigating the Internet. This course occurs primarily via canvas.smu.edu. Some activities and resources occur within Vista Higher Learning (VHL) Central. **Be sure that your device or devices meet the technical requirements for all the systems below.**

IMPORTANT

A webcam is required for completing recording activities using the Kaltura Video App in Canvas. If your device does not have a built-in webcam, one can be purchased at a local consumer electronics store or through an online retailer like [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

CANVAS

[Technical requirements](#) and [browser requirements](#) for Canvas are located in the [Canvas Student Guide](#). If you need Technical Support with Canvas, click the Help link on the left side [Global Navigation](#). From there you can Search Canvas Guides, Chat with Support, or Submit a Request for assistance. You can also contact the [SMU IT](#)

[Help Desk](#) for assistance with Canvas.

VHL CENTRAL

Go to [VHL Central](#) to login.

[Technical requirements](#) for VHL Central are located in the [VHL Central Support Center](#).

Use the [VHL Support Request Form](#) to contact their technical support staff.

KALTURA VIDEO APP for CANVAS

For the self-intro video and the oral presentation, you will use the [Kaltura Video App for Canvas](#). This will allow you to record from an external device then upload to Canvas or record directly to Canvas using a webcam or mobile device. Access Kaltura by clicking [My Media](#) in the Course Navigation.

ZOOM

For the Oral Interviews and Partner Practice Chats, you will use Zoom (<https://www.smu.edu/OIT/Services/Zoom>). This will allow you to have a recorded videoconference with the instructor.

RESPONDUS LOCKDOWN BROWSER and MONITOR

This course requires the use of LockDown Browser and a webcam for online exams. The webcam can be built into your computer or can be the type that plugs in with a USB cable. Watch this [short video](#) to get a basic understanding of LockDown Browser and the webcam feature. A student [Quick Start Guide \(PDF\)](#) is also available.

Then download and install LockDown Browser from this link:

<http://www.respondus.com/lockdown/download.php?id=951749825>

To ensure LockDown Browser and the webcam are set up properly, do the following:

- Start LockDown Browser, log into <http://canvas.smu.edu>, and select this course.
- Locate and select the **Help Center** button on the LockDown Browser toolbar.
- Run the **Webcam Check** and, if necessary, resolve any issues.
- Run the **System & Network Check**. If a problem is indicated, see if a solution is provided in the Knowledge Base. Troubleshooting information can also be emailed to our institution's help desk.

When taking an online exam that requires LockDown Browser and a webcam, remember the following guidelines:

- Ensure you're in a location where you won't be interrupted
- Turn off all other devices (e.g. tablets, phones, second computers)
- Clear your desk of all external materials not permitted — books, papers, other devices
- Remain at your computer for the duration of the test
- If the computer or networking environment is different than what was tested above, repeat the Webcam and System checks prior to starting the test

To produce a good webcam video, do the following:

- Avoid wearing baseball caps or hats with brims
- Ensure your computer or tablet is on a firm surface (a desk or table) – not on your lap, a bed, or other surface that might move
- If using a built-in webcam, avoid tilting the screen after the webcam setup is complete
- Take the exam in a well-lit room and avoid backlighting, such as sitting with your back to a window
- Remember that LockDown Browser will prevent you from accessing other websites or applications; you will be unable to exit the test until all questions are completed and submitted.

Additional resources related to Respondus LockDown Browser and Monitor, including a link to download the LockDown Browser iPad App, are located at <https://www.smu.edu/OIT/Services/LockDownBrowser>.

OTHER

At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2003, XP, 2007 or OpenOffice. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required.

PRIVACY POLICIES

- [Canvas by Instructure](#)
- [Kaltura Video App in Canvas](#)
- [Respondus LockDown Browser](#)
- [SMU OIT Policies and Legislation](#)
- [VHL Central](#)

ACCESSIBILITY

- [Canvas](#)
- [Accessibility within Canvas](#)
- [Voluntary Product Accessibility Template](#)
- [Kaltura Video App in Canvas](#)
- [Respondus LockDown Browser](#)
- [VHL Central](#)

STUDENT SERVICES

The following services and resources are available to SMU students:

- [Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center](#)

ALEC offers study-skill workshops and can help you with learning strategies and test preparation. Their phone number is (214) 768-3648.

- [Altshuler Writing Center](#)

The Altshuler Writing Center is open to all students who need technical advice on their assigned papers. The writing center is open most afternoons and a few evenings. To work with someone at the writing center you must make an appointment in advance. To contact please call (214) 768-3648.

- [DASS](#)

Students needing academic accommodations for a disability must first contact [Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies \(DASS\)](#) at (214) 768-1470 to verify the disability and to establish eligibility for accommodations. They should then schedule an appointment with the professor to make appropriate arrangements. (See [University Policy No. 2.4](#); an attachment describes the DASS procedures and relocated office.) If you have a disability accommodation you must contact DASS and have a letter of accommodation delivered to the instructor no later than the third day of class. You can email a scanned copy of your letter.

- [my.SMU](#)

Online portal for SMU students that allows you to view personal information, emergency contact information, register for AARO (if applicable), view class schedule, enroll in classes, add/drop/swap classes, view grades and view financial aid packages.

- [SMU Bookstore](#)

Information on textbooks, events, buyback, promotions and more.

- [SMU Bursar](#)

Information on student finances, bill pay and more.

- [SMU Counseling Services](#)

College can be a stressful time. There are many transitions and major life events occurring while you are a college student. If you or a friend is going through a difficult time and needs someone to talk to please seek out the resources provided by the counseling center, located in the Health Center and their phone number is (214) 768-2211. For 24 hour help contact (214) 768-2860.

- [SMU Dedman Recreation Center](#)

Regular exercise is one of the best things you can do for your mental and physical well-being.

- [SMU Libraries](#)

SMU Libraries has reference librarians happy to help with your research needs. Contact a librarian at <http://askalibrarian.smu.edu/> or call (214) 768-2326.

- [SMU OIT](#)

OIT provides computing, information processing, and communications resources to satisfy the needs of faculty, students, and staff, and offers comprehensive support services to help them use technology effectively and creatively.

- [SMU Student Affairs](#)

SMU Student Affairs is a network of [departments, programs and services](#) focused on supporting students' out-of-classroom experiences and co-curricular learning.

- [World Languages and Literatures Technology Lab \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

Located in Clements 234. The lab is equipped with both Mac and PC computers and exam proctoring options for make-ups and extended time. The center also provides an audiovisual center capable of showing movies from all regions of the world, a comfortable space for class meetings, reading and studying, and a newly-remodeled conference room in Clements 228 that can be reserved for both faculty and student use.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

DISABILITY ACCOMODATIONS

Students needing academic accommodations for a disability must first register with Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies (DASS). Students can call (214) 768-1470 or visit <http://www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS> to begin the process. Once registered, students should then schedule an appointment with the professor as early in the semester as possible, present a DASS Accommodation Letter, and make appropriate arrangements. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive and require advance notice to implement.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

Religiously observant students wishing to be absent on holidays that require missing class should notify their professors in writing at the beginning of the semester, and should discuss with them, in advance, acceptable ways of making up any work missed because of the absence. (See University Policy No. 1.9.)

EXCUSED ABSENCES for UNIVERSITY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students participating in an officially sanctioned, scheduled University extracurricular activity should be given the opportunity to make up assignments or other graded assignments missed as a result of their participation. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the instructor prior to any missed scheduled examination or other missed assignment for making up the work. (University Undergraduate Catalog).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY and the SMU HONOR CODE

Southern Methodist University is very proud of being an honorable community of

scholars. As a faculty member, I am very proud of this tradition and feel strongly that those who violate the honor code will be dealt with through the University Honor Council. Please take the time to read the [SMU Honor Code](#). In addition to adhering to the SMU honor code please be aware that I consider the following behaviors to be in direct violation of academic integrity: turning in papers and academic work that is not your own, turning in work you completed in another class almost verbatim, improperly citing content from other academic and non-academic sources, copying from others during exams and quizzes, utilizing unauthorized notes during exams and quizzes, relying on other students, family members, friends, or paid service to complete your assignments and exams. *If you have any questions about what constitutes academic dishonesty, please ask me!* Please, also note that our World Languages and Literatures Department specifically wants to make it clear that any use of translation software that is not specifically authorized by the instructor constitutes cheating.