

AP Spanish – Language and Culture

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General Overview: The AP Spanish language class is a rigorous class taught entirely in Spanish. The workload is equivalent to a third year college course. Students will be required to prepare essays and classroom presentations, they will be required to perform higher than 80% on each test, and will be required to use the target language in the classroom. In this class, students should be able to do the following:

1. Understand written sources in Spanish, including literary readings as well as authentic modern works (newspapers, magazines, articles).
2. Use correct grammar, syntax, and vocabulary to express themselves fluently in writing (summarizing, writing essays and letters, writing journal entries).
3. Understand spoken Spanish in both formal and informal settings, including news broadcasts, lectures, television programs, and conversations by native speakers of various Spanish-speaking countries.
4. Use correct grammar, pronunciation, syntax, and vocabulary to express themselves orally in Spanish both in informal settings in the classroom and in prepared presentations.
5. Integrate the four language skills through various activities listed later.
6. Understand the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world and make connections to their own culture.

Grading: All assignments will have an assigned point value. Grading will be based on tests, quizzes, in class assignments, homework, projects, and class participation. The following grading scale will be used:

A 100 – 93%	B+ 88.9 – 87	C+ 78.9 – 77	D+ 68.9 – 67	I / F 57.9 and below
A- 92.9 – 89%	B 86.9 – 83	C 76.9 – 73	D 66.9 – 63	
	B- 82.9 – 79	C- 72.9 – 69	D- 62.9 – 58	

Quizzes: Every class will start with a quiz. The quiz will start when the tardy bell sounds. If a student enters the class after the quiz starts, they will not have the opportunity to revisit missed questions. Retakes of these quizzes will not be offered.

Tests: Every unit will be concluded with a test. The tests are designed to measure your mastery on the material learned. Each test will consist of sections covering vocabulary, grammar, reading and writing, and speaking. I do not guarantee test make-ups will be offered. It is highly recommended you study to do your best on the test the first time.

Late Work: Any work that is submitted past the due date will have a start value of 50%. Any assignment turned in after 1 class period will not be accepted for credit.

Make-up Work: Students who are absent should obtain the missed work to be made up. Every student will have access to each assignment via the class web site. <http://adkinsonespanol.weebly.com/>

Extra Credit: No extra credit will be given unless ALL homework, projects, in class assignments, and tests have been completed and turned in.

Class Web Site: <http://adkinsonespanol.weebly.com> The purpose of the class web site is that the student can access class material from anywhere in the world (except on campus on the Guest network). Also the site allows for parents and guardians to know what is going on, and know where their student can get the

assignment if it is “lost” or is “unattainable from the teacher”. Everything the student learns and/or is assigned will be on the class’ web site.

Cell Phones: Cell Phones are not for personal use in class. There will be situations in which cell phones will be used in class, but only under the supervision of the instructor.