



Manheim Township School District

MTHS

COURSE SYLLABUS

NAME OF COURSE: Hispanic Culture and Civilization

COURSE NUMBER: #WLA044

COURSE CREDITS: 1 credit

LENGTH OF COURSE: 1 year

TEACHER: Varies

ROOM: Varies

EMAIL: Varies

I. General Course Description:

In this course, students will study the main indigenous Latin American cultures and civilizations. Students will analyze and investigate the origins and contributions that Latin Americans have offered to global civilization. In addition, the course will cover various topics of Hispanic theatre, art and modern cultural events. Course objective is to present an authentic cultural connection with the Latino world from past to present day.

II. Prerequisite:

Successful completion of Spanish 3 with a minimum grade of 75%. Tenth grade Immersion students may also elect this course.

III. Successful Completion of this Course

Upon successful completion of this course, students will go on to take AP or IB Spanish. Tenth grade Immersion students may also elect to go to Spanish IV.

IV. Standards

ACTFL: Interpersonal and interpretive communication. Relating Culture (practices to perspectives)
Cultural comparisons

V. Course Topics / Big Ideas:

- **Personal and Public Identities:** Students will be exposed to a variety of topics exploring different aspects of identities: race, ethnicity, types stereotypes, customs and traditions, and history and civilization
- **Contemporary Life:** The impact of holidays and traditions on modern cultures
- **Families and Communities:** Traditional Values, Structures of the Family, Rural versus Urban families
- **Art and Beauty:** Definitions of Beauty, Mode and Style of Music and Visual Arts

VI. Text and Resources:

- Pasajes: Cultura by Mary Lee Bretz, Trisha Dvorak and Carl Kirschner Edition: 6TH 06, Copyright: 2006, Publisher: McGraw-Hill Publishing Company
- Hoja de Ruta, 3ra Edición - Dra. Priscilla Gac-Artigas - Academic Press Copyright 2006-07

VII. Required Class Materials:

- Charged iPad
- The Hispanic Way -Author: [Jaime Lacasa](#), [Judith Noble](#)
- Youtube Video Clips
- Movie Clips: Baila conmigo, Mi Familia, From Prada to Nada, El Jeremias, Tambien la lluvia. national Geographic documentaries: Mayas, Aztecs and Incas
- Authentic articles, college journals and texts
- Authentic music and lyrics
- Teacher-created materials

VIII. Grading and Reporting:

- Please click here to access the [MS/HS Student Handbook- AF&G Guidelines](#)

IX. Absences

- Students are responsible for missed work and should communicate with their teacher to learn missed content and make up any assignments.

X. Extra Support

- The teacher can be reached by email, Schoology message, or phone.