



Southern Lehigh School District

Syllabus

Advanced Placement Spanish 2023-2024

Course Description:

AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE is intended for students who wish to develop proficiency and integrate their language skills using authentic materials and sources. Students who enroll should already have an advanced knowledge of the language and cultures of Spanish-speaking peoples and should have attained a reasonable proficiency in using the language. Although these qualifications may be attained in a variety of ways, it is assumed that most students will be in the final stages of their secondary school training and will have had appropriate course work in the language. The four skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – are carefully integrated throughout the course. Grammar is presented as a tool for accurate communication. The AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE course is designed to be comparable to advanced level (fifth- and sixth – semester) college/university Spanish language courses. Students will have the option of taking the AP exam for college credit at the end of the course and at their own expense. **Summer work is required for this course.**

Course Content:

Themes:

1. Los desafíos mundiales(Global Challenges)
2. La ciencia y tecnología (Science and Technology)
3. La vida contemporánea (Contemporary Life)
4. Las identidades personales y públicas (Personal and Public Identities)
5. Las familias y las comunidades (Families and Communities)
6. La belleza y la estética (Beauty and Aesthetics)

Grammar topics will be reviewed as needed in the context of writing and mini-lessons.

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

There will be readings, audios and videos to complement vocabulary and grammar, and we will use Internet sites for current information. Additional materials will be used to prepare for the AP exam from the following text:

Student Resources:

“Nuestra historia” AP. *Voces Digital – Digital Curriculum Resources for Spanish, French, and ESL*, www.vocesdigital.com/.

Technology:

District approved supplemental technology

Other Resources:

District approved supplemental resources
Spanish Language Leveled Readers

Course Requirements:

Prerequisites:

- Earn a minimum grade of an A in Spanish IV; or
- Earn a minimum grade of a C in Spanish V; or
- Earn a minimum grade of a C in Honors Spanish Communication and Literature

The course will be taught almost exclusively in Spanish and students are expected to use Spanish for all communication in the classroom and in communication with the teacher. Students will continue to develop proficiency across the three modes of communication by critically thinking about the authentic sources to understand culture, make connections across disciplines, compare the target language to their native language, and use the language in real-life situations.

Grade Components/Assessments:

The World Language program is a proficiency-based program that is aligned with best practices in the field as outlined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. Instruction and grading practices promote growth in a second language through the three modes of communication: interpretive skills, interpersonal skills, and presentational skills, with language acquisition as the goal.

Weighted Categories

Assessments - 80%

Class Activities - 20%

- 8 minimum grades per quarter

*Lateness Policy: Late work will be accepted for partial credit by the next class period.

*Use of translators is strongly discouraged. The first time a student uses a translator, there will be a warning, parents will be notified, and they will be asked to redo the assignment. Any consecutive offenses will result in a zero on the assignment.

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The midterm and final are also worth 20% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Midterm	10%
Final	10%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

Students are expected to practice communicating in Spanish through a variety of activities over the summer months.

- Listen to two Spanish podcasts and write a summary on Google Classroom.