

AP Spanish: Language and Culture,

Part 1 (APSPAN-071-Too1)

Syllabus

What You Should Already Know

You should have taken three years of high school Spanish.

Course Learning Outcomes

Students will prepare to take the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam. They will demonstrate the four proficiency skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) through assignments, vocabulary quizzes, Conversation Cafés, and speaking appointments. The rubrics used in this course come from the College Board.

Course Materials

To successfully complete this course, you will need the following:

- Gatski, Barbara; McMullan, John. [*Triángulo Aprobado*](#), 5th Edition, 2013 (required text).
- Note: If you purchase an online version of the textbook, it is only accessible for 1 year. If you decide to extend your course, you will have to repurchase the textbook. The same applies to the Explorer online activities.
- A headset or speakers, a webcam, and a microphone for the Conversation Café and speaking appointments.
- A bilingual Spanish/English dictionary. (You may use an online resource such as [WordReference.com](#).)

Assignments

You will complete these assignments during the course.

You must pass the orientation quiz with 100 percent before you continue in the course. There is a “¿Tienes una pregunta?” discussion board and a course wiki. The discussion board is designed for students to discuss course-related matters and to share ideas with each other. The wiki is for the instructor and TA to post information that may provide enrichment or other relevant information.

Autocomprobaciones (Self-Checks)

The self-checks in this course are all grammar review. They do not count toward your grade. The following is a list of the grammar topics covered in this course:

- Tiempo indicativo del presente (1.1)
- El pretérito y el imperfecto (1.2)
- El subjuntivo (2.1)
- El pluscuamperfecto (2.2)
- El pretérito perfecto del subjuntivo (2.3)
- El futuro simple (3.1)
- *ir + a* (3.2)
- El condicional (4.1)
- Las cláusulas de si (4.2)
- El futuro perfecto (5.1)
- El condicional perfecto (5.2)
- El subjuntivo con verbos de influencia y emoción (6.1)
- El subjuntivo con acciones no completadas (6.2)

Asignaciones (Assignments)

The assignments for this course are activities similar to those that you will encounter on the AP exam. Assignments include reading, listening, writing and presenting activities.

Additionally, you will submit a notebook every unit and practice conversations and reflect on your progress. There are 60 assignments.

Note: Each chapter has additional activities that you can use to practice the concepts taught. To access these activities, click on the concept (“Capítulo”) that you are wanting to access and then the theme. Each section within the chapter has a file called “Actividades Adicionales.” This is where you will find extra resources to use for your practice.

Examen de práctica (Practice Exam)

The final unit of this course is a practice exam. The format is similar to what you will encounter on the AP exam. Additionally, the verbiage of the AP exam is included to help you better prepare.

Café de conversación y Citas orales (Conversation Café and Speaking Appointments)

The Conversation Café is a place to practice speaking. Activities are moderated by the instructor. Speaking appointments are graded oral assessments. A speaking appointment is a required part of every unit. You will be required to complete certain language tasks or have a dialogue with the instructor during your speaking appointment. Only the Final Speaking Appointment can be rescheduled one time for a fee. The other instructor appointments cannot be rescheduled. Be sure to arrive to the appointment early and double check the date and time.

Exams

Cita oral final y el examen final (Final Speaking Appointment and Final Exam)

The first part of your final speaking appointment will be in a conversation format. The second part is a presentation that you will give. It will test your language proficiency, and you can best prepare by preparing for your Conversation Cafés and speaking appointments. No notes are allowed on speaking appointments.

The final exam is a proctored test that will cover the strategies and proficiency built in units 1–7. It has questions that include listening, reading, and writing. If you study the course material and the assignments, you should be adequately prepared for the test.

Grading

Your grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams:

Assignment or Exam	Grading	Percent of Total Grade
60 Assignments	Instructor	60%
1 Practice Exam	Mixed	15%
4 Conversation Cafés	Instructor	5%
2 Speaking Appointments	Instructor	5%
1 Final Speaking Appointment and 1 Proctored Final Exam*	Mixed	15%

* You must pass both parts of the final exam with at least a 60% to earn credit for the course.

Resubmissions and Retakes

For information about resubmitting assignments and retaking the exam, please see [Resubmissions and Retakes](#).

Grade Scale

Your letter grade is calculated according to these percentages.

A	100% – 93%
A–	92% – 90%
B+	89% – 87%
B	86% – 83%
B–	82% – 80%
C+	79% – 77%
C	76% – 73%
C–	72% – 70%
D+	69% – 67%
D	66% – 63%
D–	62% – 60%
E (fail)	59% – 0%