

Third-Year Spanish, Part 1

(SPAN-061-303-001)

Spanish 3 Syllabus

Course Description

This course is the first semester of third-year Spanish. It will take you on an exciting adventure to learn how to communicate with people from countries around the world! You will learn to speak, listen, read, and write in Spanish. You will also learn how to act and communicate appropriately with people from other cultures.

On that note, please remember that learning languages takes time. Be patient with yourself! Be patient with yourself when you make mistakes because mistakes will happen!

Prerequisites: 1st Year Spanish & 2nd Year Spanish

In addition, you should:

- Spend 10 minutes a day reviewing vocabulary. This can be done through the Quizlets, or through flashcards, you make as you progress through the course.
- Spend five minutes a day conjugating verbs from the current or past modules.
- Take notes. Write down anything you struggle with or want to remember. Include vocabulary, grammar rules, and conjugations.

If you really want to improve your Spanish skills, you should:

- Listen to newscasts in Spanish.
- Listen to Spanish music.
- Find and/or create opportunities to converse with native Spanish speakers.

Prerequisites

- Spanish Year 1
- Spanish Year 2

Course Learning Outcomes

This course aligns with the ACTFL World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages:

- Communication
 - Communicate effectively in more than one language in order to function in a variety of situations and for multiple purposes.
- Cultures
 - Interact with cultural competence and understanding.
- Connections
 - Connect with other disciplines and acquire information and diverse perspectives in order to use the language to function in academic and career related situations.
- Comparisons
 - Develop insight into the nature of language and culture in order to interact with cultural competence.
- Communities
 - Communicate and interact with cultural competence in order to participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world.

Course Materials

There is no textbook for this course. All instructional materials are included in the course.

Technology Needs

This course functions best in Chrome. It is expected that you will complete all coursework on a desktop computer, although some of the course could be completed on a mobile device with varying quality. Your computer will need to be able to play and record audio and video so you can complete various activities. This means you will need speakers, a camera, and a microphone. These are built into most computers. High-speed internet is needed to load, complete and submit many assignments in this course.

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H5P

This course uses an interactive online activity tool called H5P. H5P activities are used to help students learn, memorize, and practice new concepts. There are a variety of study forms, including memory games, fill-in-the-blank activities, drag-and-drop text puzzles, image sequencing activities, and interactive videos. You do not need to purchase this tool or visit their websites. Instructions on how to use H5P are provided in the course.

Additional Resources

A Spanish-English dictionary is recommended but not required. You can purchase a physical copy or simply use an online dictionary like SpanishDict or Linguee. Both of these provide definitions as well as examples of how to use each word in context. Other supplementary resources can be found in the introductory module of the course.

Course Organization

This course consists of 16 modules, including five speaking assignments and one final exam. Each module has several lessons. Lessons might include a warm-up activity, a conversation in Spanish, additional vocabulary, grammar instruction, pronunciation instruction, speaking activities, discussion boards, and/or quizzes.

Review modules are spread throughout the course. You will review what you learned in the prior modules. These review modules are meant to help you retain what you have already learned and help you assess your ability to use what you have learned in real-life situations.

In the last module of the course, you will take a practice exam that closely resembles the final exam. You will then review what you most struggled with in the practice exam, and then you will take the final exam. After that, you're done!

Assignments

- Teacher Graded Reviews
 - These assignments are human-graded and are graded based on accuracy. These are mostly video-recording activities. You will receive a speaking prompt and record yourself responding to that prompt. Follow the instructions on the assignment.
- Speaking Tests
 - There are 4 speaking tests in the course. These are teacher-graded based on how good your Spanish is and how well you complete the assignment. There is a time limit and you can only record once. You cannot pause the recording or rewind the prompt video. Your video must be on and your face must be visible. You must also start by showing your ID card to confirm your identity
- Writing Tests
 - There are 2 writing tests in the course. These are teacher-graded based on how good your Spanish is and how well you complete the assignment. You will be given a scenario to consider and a specific prompt or task to complete for each test, as well as a word count requirement. You are not allowed to use any type of translation site, app, or software to help you write. Feel free to use a dictionary to look up individual words.
- Quizzes
 - Quizzes are computer-graded.
- Projects
 - Project assignments are opportunities to combine several modules' worth of vocabulary and grammar concepts in real-world applications. These

activities are graded on participation and can help you better prepare for speaking tests and teacher-graded activities.

- Language Practice
 - These assignments are all computer-graded, mostly video recording/speaking activities. These often include feedback that allows you to check your work. While these assignments do not count toward your final grade, they are valuable practice that will help you on your other graded activities. You can repeat these activities as often as you would like, providing you with additional practice.
- Final Exam
 - The final exam is computer-graded. It will cover all topics taught in the course. You must pass the final exam to earn credit for the course.

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The final exam is computer graded and you will only have one attempt. It will cover all topics taught in the course. You must pass the final exam to earn credit for the course. You may retake the final exam once for a fee.

Grading

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

Assignment Type	Grading	Percent of Total Grade
Teacher Graded Assignments	Teacher Graded	25%
Speaking and Writing Tests	Teacher Graded	30%
Quizzes	Computer Graded	25%
Projects	Computer Graded	10%
Final Exam*	Computer Graded	10%

Language Practice	Practice Only	Does not count toward final grade
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*You must pass the final exam with a 60% to earn credit for the course. You may retake the final exam once, for a fee.

Grade Scale

Your letter grade will be calculated according to these percentages.

Percent to Letter Grade Calculation	
A	100%–93%
A–	<93%–90%
B+	<90%–87%
B	<87%–83%
B–	<83%–80%
C+	<80%–77%
C	<77%–73%
C–	<73%–70%
D+	<70%–67%
D	<67%–63%
D–	<63%–60%
F (fail)	60%–0%