

**WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE  
SPANISH 1  
FALL 2015**

Section 4840  
TTh 6:45PM - 9:20PM FA 307

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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Tuesdays and Thursdays in **FA 300** from 6:10PM to 6:40PM and by appointment.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

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Using a contextual and communicative approach, this course stresses the fundamentals of pronunciation, grammar, practical vocabulary, useful phrases and the ability to understand, read, write, and speak Spanish. Basic information is included on geography, customs, culture, and literature of Spain and Latin America.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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Demonstrate understanding of cultural nuances of everyday life in the Hispanic world.  
Communicate orally and in writing in a variety of meaningful real life activities.  
Be able to write a one page essay in the Present tense, using the verb “to be” and descriptive adjectives.

**REQUIRED TEXT**

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**Vistas, Introducción a la lengua española** (4th edition) Blanco, José A. Vista, 2012.  
Student will need the required textbook and a Supersite Code. Both can be purchased at WLAC  
Used textbooks do not include Supersite Code. Supersite Code needs to be purchased separately on line at:  
<http://vistahigherlearning.com>

**COURSE EVALUATION**

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The final course grade will be calculated in the following manner:

<b>Quizzes</b>	<b>25 %</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>10 %</b>
<b>Midterm</b>	<b>25 %</b>	<b>Oral and Written Assignments</b>	<b>10 %</b>
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>25 %</b>	<b>Participation and Performance</b>	<b>5 %</b>

**QUIZZES**

Each quiz consists of 25 points. There will be a total of six quizzes.  
One quiz, the lowest grade, will be dropped. Only **five** quizzes will be used in final course assessment.

Quiz dates	Quiz grade scale
Quiz 1 - <b>September 10</b>	25-23 = A
Quiz 2 - <b>September 24</b>	22-20 = B
Quiz 3 - <b>October 8</b>	19-17 = C
Quiz 4 - <b>November 5</b>	16-14 = D
Quiz 5 - <b>November 19</b>	13-0 = F
Quiz 6 - <b>December 8</b>	

**MIDTERM** consists of 100 points.

**Thursday, October 15 @ 7:00 PM**

**FINAL EXAM** consists of 100 points.

**Tuesday, December 15 @ 7:00 PM**

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework will be done online using the Supersite Code at following website: <https://www.vhlcentral.com/>

Create an account, redeem Supersite Code, view **Announcements**, and take the **Student Guided Tour**.

### **Lesson due dates:**

Lesson 1 - September 27

Lesson 4 - October 18

Lesson 7 - November 29

Lesson 2 - October 4

Lesson 5 - November 1

Lesson 8 - December 13

Lesson 3 - October 11

Lesson 6 - November 15

## **PARTICIPATION AND PERFORMANCE**

Your active participation in Spanish 1 is extremely important. Much of the practice and learning is done in the classroom. If you are not prepared, **DO NOT BE ABSENT**. Let your instructor know, and you will not have to participate.

## **ORAL & WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS**

Oral presentations and dialogues will take place in class. Information and topics will be provided in class.

Two compositions will be written in Spanish. More information will be provided in class.

### **First Composition**

Pre-writing      October 8

First draft due    October 18

Final draft due    October 25

### **Second Composition**

Pre-writing      November 5

First draft due    November 15

Final draft due    November 22

## **WITHDRAWAL POLICY**

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Should student decide to withdraw from the course, it is the responsibility of the student to officially drop the class. Otherwise, the student will receive an "F" in the class.

## **CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR POLICY & ACADEMIC DISHONESTY– Board Rule 9803.28**

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Cheating and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Student conduct must conform to LACCD and Los Angeles City College rules and regulations. Violations of such rules and regulations will subject students to disciplinary action. Violations of Academic Integrity include, but are not limited to, the following actions: cheating on an exam, plagiarism, working together on an assignment, paper or project when the instructor has specifically stated students should not do so, submitting the same term paper to more than one instructor, or allowing another individual assume one's identity for the purpose of enhancing one's grade.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

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The use of wireless hand held devices is respectfully forbidden for non academic purposes in the classroom.

Mobile phones and pagers must be turned off (or set to vibrate) before class starts.

Please step out of the classroom if you need to use a mobile phone or hand held device for personal needs.

Please notify your instructor if you have a disability and need any assistance or accommodation.

**Eating is not allowed in the classroom.**

**ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CLASS WILL SUPERSEDE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS SYLLABUS.**