

**University of Houston
Department of Modern and Classical Languages**

**SPAN 3308 (05618) - Written Communication Hispanic Heritage Learners
Spring 2004 – M / W 1:00 – 2:30 PM**

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Course description and objectives:

This course is designed to develop written academic Spanish of Hispanic heritage learners. The course objectives include: a) increase vocabulary through reading of a variety of authentic texts; b) make students aware of different discourse strategies; c) review key grammar topics within a functional grammar framework; d) familiarize students with the step-by-step process of writing different types of essays.

Textbook:

Colombi, M. C., Pellettieri, J. & Rodríguez, M. I. (2001) *Palabra abierta*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.

Course requirements and Evaluation:

- Attendance to scheduled sessions.
- Active participation in class.

Quizzes (6 X 5%)	30%
Participation (see class rules)	10%
Essays (3 X 20%)	60%

University of Houston Grading Scale:

A	94 - 100	C	74 - 76
A-	90 - 93	C-	70 - 73
B+	87 - 89	D+	67 - 69
B	84 - 86	D	64 - 66
B-	80 - 83	D-	60 - 63
C+	77 - 79	F	below 60

Tentative Schedule

Jan. 21	Introduction to the course. <i>Capítulo preliminar.</i>
Jan. 26	<i>Capítulo 1</i>
Jan. 28	<i>Capítulo 1</i>
Feb. 2	<i>Capítulo 1</i>
Feb. 4	<i>Capítulo 1 (Quiz 1)</i>
Feb. 9	<i>Capítulo 2</i>
Feb. 11	<i>Capítulo 2</i>
Feb. 16	<i>Capítulo 2</i>
Feb. 17	Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade.
Feb. 18	<i>Capítulo 2 (Quiz 2)</i>
Feb. 23	<i>Capítulo 3</i>
Feb. 25	<i>Capítulo 3 (Essay 1)</i>
Mar. 1	<i>Capítulo 3</i>
Mar. 3	<i>Capítulo 3 (Quiz 3)</i>
Mar. 8	<i>Capítulo 4</i>
Mar. 10	<i>Capítulo 4</i>
Mar. 15 - 20	Spring Break
Mar. 22	<i>Capítulo 4</i>
Mar. 24	<i>Capítulo 4 (Quiz 4)</i>
Mar. 29	<i>Capítulo 5</i>
Mar. 31	<i>Capítulo 5 (Essay 2)</i>
Apr. 5	<i>Capítulo 5</i>
Apr. 6	Last day to drop a course or withdraw.
Apr. 7	<i>Capítulo 5 (Quiz 5)</i>
Apr. 12	<i>Capítulo 6</i>
Apr. 14	<i>Capítulo 6</i>
Apr. 19	<i>Capítulo 6</i>
Apr. 21	<i>Capítulo 6 (Quiz 6)</i>
Apr. 26	<i>Capítulo 7</i>
Apr. 28	<i>Capítulo 7</i>
May. 3	<i>Capítulo 7 (Essay 3)</i>

Essays

1. You will be asked to write 3 essays of 2 to 3 pages each (doubled spaced typed pages).
2. Essays turned in late will **not** be accepted.
3. All work turned in must be typed with accent marks and all diacritics done in the computer.
4. The grades for the essays will be distributed as follows:
 - a) 5 % First draft
 - b) 5% Second draft
 - c) 10% Final copy
5. The grades for the essays will be based on:
 - a) organization
 - b) content
 - c) accuracy (includes grammar and spelling)

Some rules of the class

6. Prerequisites: SPAN 2308 or equivalent.
7. Absences: 2% of your grade will be deducted from the participation grade for each absence.
8. 2 Tardies = 1 Absence.
9. If you arrive late, please talk to your professor at the end of class to make sure that a tardy mark was registered in the class book.
10. If you leave the class early, a tardy mark will be annotated in the class book.
11. If you miss 2 consecutive sessions and you do not contact your instructor, you will automatically be dropped from the class.
12. Obtain telephone numbers from two classmates. If you miss a class, call one of your classmates to obtain relevant information about the class you missed.
13. No make-up quizzes will be given in this class.
14. No cellular phones are allowed in class.
15. If you have special learning needs, please contact your instructor.