OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

This course is primarily designed to develop students’ ability to communicate orally in Spanish. Equally important goals are the acquisition of the skills necessary for effective reading and writing in Spanish. Cultural understanding is an important objective as well. These objectives can be realized only through your active participation, both in and out of class. To be successful in this course, you must read, study, and complete assignments prior to each class period, and while in class, actively participate in activities.

The Foreign Language Department’s methodology is based on the Communicative Approach to language teaching. This means that students are encouraged to interact with the teacher and other students in Spanish. Although I may offer explanations of grammar points in English, the language of interaction in the classroom for instructor AND students is Spanish. However, don’t worry if you make mistakes. Errors are part of the natural process of language learning. Get your message across and accuracy will follow.

REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS

Textbook: Lucas Murillo, Dawson, ¡Con brío!
Two packages of large Scantrons (Ten Scantrons total)

POLICIES

1. Attendance and Absences

You are required to arrive on time and be in class for the entire 50-minute period. You may be counted absent if you arrive more than 10 minutes late.

This syllabus serves as notice that you may be dropped from the class without further notification if you are absent more than eight times. Please note that if you decide to drop the course, you must follow university procedure for dropping a course in order to receive a “W.” If the instructor drops you, you will receive a “WF” or “F.”

Absences due to official university functions or documented illness will be dealt with on an individual basis. There are no “excused absences” from regular class periods. Should you be absent from an exam, you must present documented proof of illness or university activity to your instructor before a make-up exam will be allowed. Students will not be allowed to make-up quizzes.

2. Participation/Attendance

Ten percent of your final grade will be based on a combination of attendance and participation. Six percent (6%) will be based on your use of Spanish, your active participation in classroom activities and your volunteering. The remaining four percent (4%) is based on your attendance.

3. Quizzes and Homework

There will be frequent quizzes (usually once weekly) over material that is currently being studied. In addition, homework assignments may be given from time to time. Your two lowest quiz or homework grades will be dropped at the end of the semester.

4. Language Lab

As stated in the current MSU Bulletin, a one hour weekly lab is required for this course. You will need to visit the Language Lab in Moffett Library (Moffett 112) approximately every two weeks (after each chapter). Don’t forget to bring your Student I.D. You will listen to tapes and take quizzes while listening. There is a tape and quiz for each chapter (approx. 15-20 minutes each). You will be given a schedule of Language Laboratory hours. These hours are also posted on Dr. Adalberto García’s website. Note: You may use the textbook, but no talking is allowed. The lab attendant is instructed to indicate on the Scantron who was talking or otherwise cheating while taking a quiz and those persons will receive a zero for that lab.
Lab Assignment due dates:

- **Capítulo 1**: February 7
- **Capítulo 2**: February 21
- **Capítulo 3**: March 10
- **Capítulo 4**: April 5
- **Capítulo 5**: April 20
- **Capítulo 6**: May 4

**GRADING**

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**SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS**

1/17, *No hay clase*  
1/18  Introducción  
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2/1   Capítulo 1-Repaso  
2/2   Capítulo 2  
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2/10  Capítulo 2  
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2/17  Examen 1  
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2/28  Capítulo 3  
2/29  Examen 2  
3/14-3/18, *No hay clase*  
3/30  Capítulo 5  
3/31  Capítulo 5  
4/2   Capítulo 2  
4/3   Capítulo 2  
4/4   Capítulo 5  
4/5   Capítulo 5  
4/6   Capítulo 5  
4/7   Capítulo 5  
4/8   Capítulo 4  
4/9   Capítulo 4  
4/10  Capítulo 4  
4/11  Capítulo 5  
4/12  Capítulo 5  
4/13  Capítulo 5-Repaso  
4/14  Capítulo 6  
4/18  Capítulo 6  
4/19  Capítulo 6  
4/20  Capítulo 6  
4/21  *No hay clase*  
4/22  Capítulo 4  
4/23  Capítulo 4  
4/24  Capítulo 4  
4/25  Capítulo 6  
4/26  Capítulo 6  
4/27  Capítulo 6  
4/28  Capítulo 6  
5/2   Capítulo 6-Repaso  
5/3   Examen 3  
5/10  Examen Final  

**Important Dates:**

- 2/17 Examen 1  
- 3/14-3/18 Spring Break  
- 3/21 Last Day to drop with a “W”  
- 3/29 Examen 2  
- 5/3 Examen 3  
- 5/10 Final Exam, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm