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Dates: December 22 to January 11, 2015

## SPANISH 1110-80 Online-Winter 2015

This course aims at increasing the student's ability to use basic forms of oral communication in Spanish through constant use of the everyday idiom. We will work on vocabulary, grammar, comprehension, spelling and writing. Online work will be the preferred method of instruction. The course requires online work (assignments) to complement discussion of each chapter via blackboard. The online program (ILRN) includes vast resources (videos, tutoring, practice, etc.) that help students practice and improve their skills. It is a fully integrated, Internet-based program that allows students opportunities to receive a variety of modes of input and complete multiple types of activities while controlling the pace of their own learning.

### **Texts:**

1-*Cuadros*: A new version of *Cuadros* Volume II (Span 1110-Basic Spanish Two) comes with the access code to work online and instructions that you need to work online. Buy the book from our bookstore; this is a special edition for WPU. **You also have the option** of buying only the code (online full access), that includes an e-book version of the paper copy.

### **Objectives, expected outcomes and assessment methods:**

1-Speak and comprehend: to be able to carry on a simple conversation in Spanish in a variety of life situations. Assessment will occur through evaluation of in class activities (conversations, group work, and lab work) and exams.

2-Write: to be able to write simple compositions, essays and letters in all the principal moods, tenses, and voices. Assessment will occur through evaluation of in class activities and online workbook.

3-Read and Understand: to be able to read and comprehend material (stories, poems, newspaper articles, ads) written at the second semester level. Assessment will occur through evaluation of homework assignments.

4-Cultural content: to become familiar with some basic cultural information as presented in the text and other sources. Assessment will occur through class readings and discussions.

**Grading system:** see the students' handbook for WPU grading scale.

1- Final Exam 20% (1 total). This exam is completed online.

2- Online Work-Assignments 80%. Hybrid and Online Courses require that you complete work online. This work should be completed on time and in order to do this you need to acquire the book or the code and sign up for the online component immediately. The new book comes with a code and instructions to sign up online. I will also email you instructions.

\*The due dates are available online for these assignments, please plan accordingly and don't wait until the day before the due date to complete them.

### ***Hybrid and Online Component***

All students participating in *Spanish 1110 hybrid* or fully online courses are expected to actively participate online. We will aim at going over grammar, culture and vocabulary online.

**Multimedia Language Center** (Atrium 130, 131) Great place to go and complete online assignments. The staff can help you with any problems or needs regarding videos, use of microphone, etc. Check with me later for Winter hours.

### **Course Schedule:**

**Online Schedule:** there is a calendar in your student workstation online indicating the due dates for the online component of the course. Besides the assignment calendar in your workstation online I will post and email specific pages and readings for each particular chapter using blackboard. Any changes to this syllabus will be announced via email and blackboard (you all have access to a blackboard shell that also contains a copy of this syllabus), check them frequently. You must use and check your WPU email frequently. Emails from an alternate account won't be answered.

**Three Weeks: December 22 to January 11, 2015. Each chapter includes a Vocabulary, Grammar and a short Culture section. Our focus will be on Vocabulary and Culture.**

**Week 1-** December 22-28: Chapter 6 and vocabulary section of chapter 7.

**Week 2-** December 29- January 4: Grammar section of chapter 7 and chapter 8.

**Week 3-** January 5 – 11: Chapter 9 and vocabulary and culture sections of chapter 10.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the workload. I will post specific pages for each chapter using blackboard. The ILRN center includes a calendar with details and due dates for the online activities.