

780:101 Advanced Writing
Sec. 1 Fall 2001
9:00 MWF: CAC 113

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Description:

The main purpose of this course is to provide the context and opportunities for improving your writing, reading and speaking abilities in Spanish, with the primary focus being on writing and reading. The underlying assumptions of the course and the textbook are that (1) writing is a process, involving idea development, organization of ideas, writing and rewriting, and (2) one of the most effective ways to learn to write is to learn to read well. In the course we will examine different types of compositions, and for each composition will go through a three-step process: preparatory activities, planning the composition and writing the first draft; and revising the first draft into a final version. The textbook is supplemented by a course pack. The oral component of the course has two aspects: (1) small group activities in the preparatory stage of writing and class discussion of the reading selections, and (2) periodic "actividades orales". This course is not a grammar course, although we will sometimes review relevant aspects of Spanish grammar as they arise in the course of working with the reading selections and working on particular types of compositions. The course pack has a grammatical reference section to supplement the reviews of grammatical points given in the textbook.

Text: *De Lector a Escritor: El Desarrollo de la Comunicación Escrita* (2nd edition). M. D. Finnemann and L. Carbón.

Available at University Book and Supply.

Course pack : under **Castillo**, available at Copyworks.

A good dictionary, such as *Larousse Concise Spanish English Dictionary* (suggested)

A good grammar of Spanish, such as: Dozier and Iguina, *Manual de gramática* (Heinle and Heinle) (suggested)

Student responsibilities in the course:

1. Reading and preparing the work for class as indicated in the syllabus and/or assigned in class. The written assignments (tareas de escritura) will always be collected and graded. As a check on comprehension of the reading selections, you should answer the "Preguntas de comprensión" at the end of each "Lectura" in writing. Pop quizzes will be given based on these questions.
2. Actively participating in class activities, both orally and in written form. This includes the in-class reviews of other students' rough drafts.
3. Preparing five compositions in the course of the semester.
4. Preparing an oral presentation.

Requirements on written work:

1. Compositions and other written assignments must be typed or done by computer, **double spaced** (so I have room for comments) with a 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Since compositions will be revised, it is for your own convenience that you should do them by computer.
2. Assignments and or compositions of more than one page must be stapled together.

3. Assignments are to be turned at the beginning of class on the day they are due. Assignments will not be accepted late except in cases of excused absences. Assignments which are not turned in are counted as zero.
4. Please note that written work done outside of class, such as tareas de escritura or the compositions, is expected to be your own work, without the help of others. This includes tutors.

Please refer to pages 60 and 61 of the 2000-2002 Student Manual for further information on cheating and plagiarism.

(Assignments which do not meet these requirements will not be accepted and will be counted as zero).

Grading:

Homework, first drafts of compositions, pop quizzes and other written activities 40%
 Compositions 40%
 Oral presentation 10%
 Class Participation 10%

The homework grade includes Tareas de escritura, other assignments such as "planes de redacción", the first draft of each composition, and the reviews of other students' drafts. The pop quizzes will be on readings from the textbook and hand-outs.

Final letter grades are assigned according to the following percentages:

93-100	A	73-76	C
90-92	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	63-66	D
80-82	B-	60-62	D-
77-79	C+	Below 60	F

The final drafts of the compositions are graded on a 50-point basis (see the Compositions Evaluation sheet in your course pack). In order to receive a good grade in the final version of the compositions, they must show considerable improvement on the first draft. Other written assignments are graded as outlined below:

- √+ Interesting and imaginative content; all necessary information and/or supporting details and arguments reasonable for an assignment of this length; good use of complex grammatical structures; errors appropriate to this level.
- √ Imaginative content and well organized, but lacking in either detail or grammatical complexity.
- √- Lacking one of these components: a) imaginative content and organization; b) accurate grammar and form (spelling, punctuation, accents).
- Little consideration for the reader in all of the following areas: content, organization, grammar, punctuation, presentation.

Oral presentation:

Every student will be required to give a brief, five minute oral presentation, based on current news coming from a Spanish-culture newspaper. Consult your Course pack for a list of webpages of Spanish-language newspapers, specific guidelines and evaluation sheets.

Class participation:

The grade will be based on factors such as preparedness for class activities, participation in class activities (particularly, in small group activities), and use of Spanish vs. English. Just being in class does not count as participating. The use of English during the class will count against your participation grade.

Attendance:

Attendance is required and checked daily. You are allowed four absences. After the fourth absence, your participation grade will be lowered. The only cases in which more than four absences will be accepted are for representing the university in a University-sponsored event (documentation required) or serious illness (documentation required). If you know you will be missing class for a valid reason, talk to me ahead of time to arrange to make up the work you will miss.

Other information:

Please inform your instructor within the first week of the semester if you have any physical or learning disability that may require special accommodations.

You can also contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 213 Student Services Center (phone 273-2676).

This syllabus is subject to change; if you have to miss a class, make sure to check with your classmates for last-minute changes

Plan de Curso

Fecha	Día	Actividad de clase	Preparación/Tarea para esa fecha
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Introducción

Ago	27	L	Introducción al curso	
	29	M	Lector, Proceso. Ortografía	Leer p. 1-7
	31	V	Diccionario	Leer p. 7-11

Sep	3	L	Labor Day	
	5	M	Placement Test	
			Meet in Mac Lab CAC 115	

Unidad 1: La Descripción

	7	V	Introducción Actividad Oral	Leer p. 13-15
	10	L	Lectura: El Correo del Amor	Leer p. 15-21
	12	M	Actividad Oral Mapas Semánticos	Tarea 1
	14	V	Gramática: Ser/estar Actividad E, p. 21	Escoger tema, hacer mapa Leer Sec. 5, p. 210-211
	17	L	Lectura: Preámbulo a Las Instrucciones...	Leer p. 22-27
	19	M	Grupos de consulta	Comp #1, 1st draft
	21	V	Gramática: Comparaciones Actividad C, p. 25-26	Leer Sec. E, p. 226-228
	24	L	Lectura: TBA	Leer TBA

Unidad 2: La Narración

	26	M	Introducción Actividad oral	Leer p. 38-42 Comp #1, final draft
	28	V	Lectura: Génesis	Leer p. 47-50
Oct	1	L	Actividad oral	Tarea 2
	3	M	Gramática: Pret/Imperf Actividad oral	Leer Sec. D 1-3, p. 196-198
	5	V	Lectura: Teruel y sus amantes	Leer p. 51-57 escoger tema/hacer mapa
	8	L	Grupos de consulta	Comp #2 1st draft
	10	M	Gramática: Adverbial Modification Actividad A, p. 56	Leer Sec. C p. 218-221
	12	V	Lectura: TBA	Leer TBA

Unidad 3: El Reportaje

Oct	15	L	Introducción Actividad oral	Leer p. 61-66 Comp #2, final draft
	17	M	Lectura: El audaz lechero...	Leer p. 66-71
	19	V	Gramática: Transiciones/relativas Actividad D, p. 69-70	Leer Sec. 3, p. 232-233
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	22	L	Conjunciones/Redundancias	Tarea 3
	24	M	Lectura: La Ciudad del Razor...	Leer p. 72-81
	26	V	Grupos de consulta	Comp #3, 1st draft
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	29	L	Gramática: Usos de se/pronombres	Leer Sec. i, p. 189-190
	31	M	Lectura: TBA	Leer TBA

Unidad 4: La Argumentación

Nov	2	V	Introducción Actividad oral	Leer p. 92-95 Comp #3, final draft
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	5	L	Lectura: El lector tiene la palabra	Leer p. 101-106
	7	M	Gramática: Subjuntivo	Leer Sec. E, p. 200-205
	9	V	Actividad oral	Tarea 4
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	12	L	Lectura: TBA	Leer TBA
	14	M	La carta formal	Leer p. 106-111
	16	V	Gramática: Más subjuntivo	escoger tema/hacer mapa
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	19	L	Grupos de consulta	Comp #4, 1st draft
	21	M	Thanksgiving	
	23	V	Thanksgiving	

Unidad 5: La Exposición

	26	L	Introducción	Leer p. 122-125
	28	M	Lectura: A la Malinchi...	Leer p. 125-132
	30	V	Actividad oral	Comp #4, final draft
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Dic	3	L	Gramática: Demostrativos	Tarea 5
	5	M	Gramática: Vocabulario/adjetivos	Leer Sec. 4-6, p. 217-218
	7	V	Lectura: Todas somos Ramonas I	Leer p. 141-151 escoger tema/hacer mapa
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	10	L	Grupos de consulta	Comp #5, 1st draft
	12	M	Lectura: Todas somos Ramonas III	Leer p. 162-170
	14	V	Conclusión	

**The final draft of Composición #5 will be due on Wednesday, December 19, at NOON.
Early turn-ins can be made in my mailbox, at BAK 259.**