

SPAN S999E - Spanish for Reading

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This course provides an overview of fundamental grammar structures and essential vocabulary of the Spanish language. It seeks to help students acquire reading skills in Spanish that will be useful to their own interests and research. Upon completion of the course, students who apply themselves will have developed the ability to understand, summarize, and translate written texts in Spanish. No previous knowledge of Spanish is needed. Conducted in English.

Requirements

- Assigned homework and participation in discussions (20%)
- Quizzes (15%)
- Translation practice (35%)
- Exams (30%)

Course materials

Please purchase a good Spanish-English print dictionary, such as Oxford, Collins, or Espasa. Also recommended in electronic format <http://wordreference.com>

No specific textbook is required. All the grammatical and lexical contents, assignments, and important information about the course will be available on Canvas. The content is organized in MODULES. The material presented in each chapter is intended only for the students registered in this course. Please do not circulate. Some of the video presentations have been recorded with material provided by Vista Higher Learning. The use of online translation engines or software is not permitted. For technical information, please access: <https://summer.yale.edu/academics/important-information-summer-online#toc2>

This course is largely self-paced, but there are weekly deadlines that are summarized below and according to which we will grade your assignments.

- Chapters 1 through 5 have to be completed no later than June 29 (11.59pm EST)
- Chapters 6 through 10 have to be completed no later than July 6 (11.59pm EST)
- Chapters 11 through 15 have to be completed no later than July 13 (11.59pm EST)
- Chapters 16 through 20 have to be completed no later than July 20 (11.59pm EST)
- Chapters 21 through 25 have to be completed no later than July 27 (11.59pm EST)

This schedule ensures that you do not fall so far behind on work that it becomes impossible to catch up. If this course was taking place in a face-to-face traditional classroom format, we would work through one chapter a day and meet for 3 hours in class plus out-of-class homework, so the recommended work load for you is 5-6 hours a day on one chapter. Of course, you can work through several chapters in one day and then take time off. You cannot work through any chapter without having completed all assignments for the previous chapters. This is because the work builds on previous chapters and it's important to complete it in order. You should always read through the chapter before watching the video explanations (embedded on the first page in each module).

Note on Plagiarism/Academic Integrity: No attempt to present another's work as one's own, including inappropriate use of online translation engines or software, is tolerated. If it seems that you used Google Translate or a similar platform to translate entire sentences or passages for an assignment, you will lose points and it will be reported.