

Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Spanish 1-3

Lower Division Website: <http://www.spanport.ucsb.edu/faculty/mcgovern/index.html>

Required Texts: *Puntos de Partida*, 7th edition. (Text, and Workbook)

Course Description:

The first year Spanish program at UCSB is designed to introduce students to linguistic and cultural structures necessary for basic communication in Spanish. The course is taught entirely in Spanish while the textbook contains explanations and instructions in English.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory in all Spanish Classes at UCSB. After the third absence, the student's grade will be dropped 1% for each absence.

Student Performance:

The student performance portion of the final grade is based upon attendance, oral participation in class, and homework.

Cheating and Plagiarism:

All instructors in the language program for Spanish and Portuguese will follow University policy concerning cheating and plagiarism, including when evaluating compositions. If you are unsure of the University's definition of plagiarism, please check with your instructor.

Exams:

All of the exam dates are included in the syllabus. There are **NO** makeup exams except under extraordinary circumstances, and those must be approved by the Lower Division Coordinator. There are four official quizzes in each class, of which the lowest grade will be dropped.

Grading:

The grading policy follows. It is important to remember that no grade is "given". Instead the student earns points which will be objectively calculated on a 100 point scale. There is no extra credit.

The following are the cutoff points for each grade:

A+ 98	B+ 88	C+ 78	D+ 68
A 93	B 83	C 73	D 63
A- 90.0	B- 80.0	C- 70.0	D- 60.0

Grade Breakdown:

Midterm-	25%
Quizzes-	25%
Student Performance-	10%
Compositions-	10%
Final Exam-	30%

Pass/No Pass Option: Students fulfilling the language requirement are strongly discouraged from taking Spanish Classes Pass/No Pass. A grade of C or better is required to pass with this option and no student with a final percentage lower than 73 will be assigned a grade of Pass.

No Make-up exam policy: No make-up exams will be given for personal events, including weddings, graduations, interviews, etc.