

Department of Spanish and Portuguese
Spanish 4, 5, 6

Required texts: Bretz, Dvorak, Kirschner. Pasajes 6th Editions (there are three texts):

Pasajes: Lengua

Pasajes: Literatura

Cuaderno de Práctica

Course Description:

The second year Spanish program at UCSB is to help students consolidate their basic knowledge of the Spanish language, with particular emphasis on reading and writing. All readings are "authentic", written by native speakers, rather than "doctored-up" or edited versions designed with only non-natives in mind. The course is taught entirely in Spanish while the textbook contains explanations and instructions in English. Students will be reading numerous texts in Spanish as well as participating in discussions, writing essays, and examining the more complex structures of the language.

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.

Homework: Reading assignments in the grammatical section are assigned by the instructor at the end of every class period. Students are expected to do the homework (usually from the workbook) and readings before coming to class. Late homework will not be accepted.

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.

Testing and grading:

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. The final exam will be cumulative and will include a final composition.

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 15%

Final Exam 25%

Possible Spanish Majors: Intermediate Spanish classes are designed to present the tools necessary for learning Spanish. Students do not automatically become either fluent or proficient by completing this program as language acquisition must occur outside of the classroom. Students hoping to become proficient and/or major or minor in Spanish are strongly encouraged to participate in an Education Abroad or Immersion program.

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