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SPA 101: Elementary Spanish I

Syllabus

Lecture Hours/Credits: 3/3

Catalog Description

Prerequisite: RDG099 or ENG 104

Introductory grammar and pronunciation form the basis of this course, designed to develop communicative skills in Spanish. Oral and written exercises and reading of easy prose and dictations are the points of departure.

Textbook and Course Materials

It is the responsibility of the student to confirm with the bookstore and/or their instructor the textbook, handbook, and any other materials required for their specific course and section.

Click here to see current textbook prices at rcgc.bncollege.com.

Evaluation Assessment

Online Proctoring

All courses offered at RCSJ, whether they are web-enhanced, hybrid, or fully online, may include assessments that make use of Online Proctoring. To find out more about Online Proctoring, and to learn about the minimum technical requirements, visit rcsj.edu/elearning/online-proctoring.

Grading Distribution

Grading to be determined by individual instructors.

Individual instructors may include the following assessment(s):

- Quizzes
- Exams
- Written Assignments
- Computer Assignment
- Oral Evaluation Rubric
- Class Discussion
- Class Participation

Grading

The grading scale for each course and section will be determined by the instructor and distributed the first day of class.

Rowan College South Jersey Core Competencies

(Based on the NJCCC General Education Foundation - August 15, 2007; Revised 2011; Adopted 2014)

This comprehensive list reflects the core competencies that are essential for all RCSJ graduates; however, each program varies regarding competencies required for a specific degree. Critical thinking is embedded in all courses, while teamwork and personal skills are embedded in many courses.

1. **Written and Oral Communication:** Students will communicate effectively in both speech and writing.
2. **Quantitative Knowledge and Skills:** Students will use appropriate mathematical and statistical concepts and operations to interpret data and to solve problems
3. **Scientific Knowledge and Reasoning:** Students will use the scientific method of inquiry, through the acquisition of scientific knowledge.
4. **Technological Competency:** Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals
5. **Society and Human Behavior:** Students will use social science theories and concepts to analyze human behavior and social and political institutions and to act as responsible citizens.
6. **Humanistic Perspective:** Students will analyze works in the fields of art, history, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language
7. **Historical Perspective:** Students will understand historical events and movements in World, Western, non-Western or American societies and assess their subsequent significance.
8. **Global and Cultural Awareness:** Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.
9. **Ethical Reasoning and Action:** Students will understand ethical issues and situations.
10. **Information Literacy:** Students will address an information need by locating, evaluating, and effectively using information.

SPA 101 Core Competencies

This course focuses on three of RCSJ's Core Competencies:

- Written and Oral Communication
- Humanistic Perspective
- Global and Cultural Awareness

Student Learning Outcomes: Elementary Spanish I

<p style="text-align: center;">Successful completion of SPA 101 will help students:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RCSJ Core Competencies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Evaluation / Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors)</p>
<p>Communicate at a basic literacy level, orally and in writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall what has been learned and reproduce the information in written form • Imitate the learned vocabulary and recite the information so that it is comprehensible to the sympathetic listener • Comprehend and interpret basic learned written information • Use correct grammar • Develop conversational skills and use basic idiomatic expressions <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Read and translate level appropriate material</p>	<p>- Written and Oral Communication</p> <p>- Humanistic Perspective</p>	<p>Quizzes Exams Assignments Class Participation</p>
<p>Recognize and compare the customs of their own culture and Hispanic culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an awareness of Hispanic family life and customs <p>Develop a basic knowledge of relationships between the English and Spanish languages</p>	<p>- Written and Oral Communication</p> <p>- Humanistic Perspective</p> <p>- Global and Cultural Awareness</p>	<p>Class Discussion Class Participation</p>
<p>Apply technology to enhance language acquisition</p>	<p>- Written and Oral Communication</p>	<p>Computer Assignment</p>

Topical Outline

Ante Todo:

- Greet one another and ask each other how they are doing
- Ask someone their name and where they are from
- Name and identify the letters that make up the Spanish Alphabet
- Spell their names in Spanish
- Describe themselves using Spanish cognates as adjectives
- Count from 0-30 in Spanish and perform simple math equations
- Express likes and preferences using the verb “gustar”
- Tell time
- Identify countries where Spanish is spoken and recognize that each country is distinct and has its own unique culture

En La Universidad:

- Learn and use basic vocabulary words that are used in an university setting
- Understand that all nouns in Spanish have gender
- Make nouns and articles plural
- Revisit English subject pronouns
- Learn and use Spanish subject pronouns
- Conjugate “ar” verbs
- Make up simple sentences and ask each other questions using “ar” verbs

La Familia:

- Learn and use vocabulary words that relate to the family
- Count to 100 and perform math equation using numbers 0-100
- Ask someone how old they are
- Learn and use basic adjectives
- Learn how to change adjectives so they agree with the nouns/pronouns they are modifying
- Conjugate the verb “ser” and learn when to use it
 - To identify
 - To describe
 - To express origin
 - For generalizations
 - To express possession
- Revisit possessive adjectives in English
- Learn and use possessive adjectives in Spanish
- Learn some basic “er” and “ir” verbs and how to conjugate them
- Bring in a picture of a family member and tell the class the person’s name, their relation to the student, and use three adjectives to describe them

De Compras:

- Learn and identify articles of clothing
- Learn and identify colors
- Learn that colors are adjectives and must agree in gender to the noun they are modifying
- Be able to describe what they are wearing and the color of their clothes
- Learn and identify numbers from 100 through 1 million and beyond, and be able to express quantities
- Revisit demonstrative adjectives in English

- Learn and use demonstrative adjectives in Spanish
- Learn that there are three distances in Spanish
- Learn to conjugate the irregular verbs of “tener”, “venir”, “preferir”, “querer”, and “poder”
- Learn and use idioms that use the verb “tener”
- Learn and conjugate the verb “ir”
- Learn and use “ir + a + infinitive” to describe a near future event

En Casa:

- Learn and use vocabulary that would be found in a house setting
- Identify rooms in a house and identify furniture and things you would find in a room
- Learn days of the week in Spanish
- Learn, conjugate and use “go” verbs “hacer”, “oir”, “poner”, “salir” and “traer”
- Learn, conjugate and use e-ie, o(u)-ue, and e-i stem changing verbs
- Revisit reflexive pronouns in English
- Learn and use reflexive pronouns in Spanish with reflexive verbs

Las Estaciones y El Tiempo:

- Learn and use weather expressions to describe the weather
- Learn and use months of the year and seasons
- Be able to ask someone their birth date and answer with the day, month and year
- Be able to ask and answer what today’s date is
- Revisit prepositions in English
- Learn and use prepositions in Spanish
- Revisit present progressive in English
- Learn present progressive and how to form present progressive in Spanish
- Learn to use present progressive to describe an action that is taking place right now
- Review the two verbs that mean “to be” in Spanish, “ser” and “estar” and when to use them
- Learn how to express equal and unequal comparisons of adjectives and nouns

ORAL EVALUATION RUBRIC

Student: _____

Date: _____

Topic: _____

Interview

Role Playing

Other Format

Comprehension Ability to understand aural cues and respond appropriately	(poor)	1	2	3	4	(excellent)
Comprehensibility Ability to communicate ideas and be understood	(poor)	1	2	3	4	(excellent)
Syntax Ability to use structures correctly	(poor)	1	2	3	4	(excellent)
Fluency Ability to communicate clearly and smoothly	(poor)	1	2	3	4	(excellent)
Vocabulary Ability to use learned vocabulary correctly	(poor)	1	2	3	4	(excellent)

TOTAL POINTS

NOTES:

Oral Evaluation Rubric

Comprehension:

- **4:** Speaker understands **all** of what is said to him or her.
- **3:** Speaker understands **most** of what is said to him or her.
- **2:** Speaker understands **some** of what is said to him or her.
- **1:** Speaker understands **little** of what is said to him or her.

Comprehensibility:

- **4:** Listener understands **all** of what the speaker is trying to communicate, when language is spoken at a normal speed.
- **3:** Listener understands **most** of what the speaker is trying to communicate, when language is spoken at a normal speed.
- **2:** Listener understands **less than half** of what the speaker is trying to communicate. Errors make it difficult to understand.
- **1:** Listener understands **little** of what the speaker is communicating.

Syntax:

- **4:** Speaker demonstrates **high degree of control** of language, including grammar and word order. **Errors are self-corrected.**
- **3:** Demonstrates **moderate degree of control** of language. **Minor** grammatical **errors**, which do not interfere with comprehension.
- **2:** Demonstrates **inaccuracies in the control** of language. **Many errors** in agreement or verb forms; errors in basic grammar.
- **1:** Demonstrates **little control** of language. **Serious errors** hinder overall comprehensibility. Communication is inappropriate.

Fluency:

- **4:** Speaker speaks **clearly**; some self correcting; hesitates but communicates easily.
- **3:** Speaker has **few** problems; occasional halting and fragmentary delivery; is able to rephrase.
- **2:** Speaker has **some** problems; frequent halting; repeats the question word before responses.
- **1:** Speaker has **severe** problems; struggles with pronunciation and intonation; incomprehensible and inappropriate.

Vocabulary:

- **4:** Uses **full range** of nouns, verbs and adjectives. Use of relevant words
- **3:** Uses a **variety** of appropriate vocabulary.
- **2:** Uses vocabulary that is **sometimes not appropriate or relevant.**
- **1:** Uses **limited** vocabulary, which is often incomprehensible and inappropriate.

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Department of Special Services

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Reporting Allegations of Sexual Assault and Resource Referrals (8/2020) Gloucester Campus

There are multiple safe places for students to report allegations of sexual assault, both on and off campus. Reports of sexual assault can be made to any of the following offices listed in the chart below.

All students are encouraged to report alleged crimes on campus. Crimes that pose a threat to the campus community must be reported to 9-1-1, Security, the Sheriff's Office or the Deptford Township Police Department. All employees, including Security staff, must report incidents of discrimination, harassment or sexual misconduct to the Title IX Officer.

Service	Resource	Phone Number/Location/Website
Non-Confidential Reporting Local Law Enforcement	Gloucester County Sheriff's Office Deptford Township Police Dept. Gloucester Co. Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault Response Team	856-681-2200 856-845-2220 856-384-5500 856-384-5555
Non-Confidential Reporting 9-1-1 and Campus Security	9-1-1 Gloucester County Emergency Management Dispatch Campus Security Blue Light Emergency Phones OR ext. 4444 from any campus desk phone	9-1-1 or push RED button on Campus Blue Light Emergency Phones 856-681-6287
Non-Confidential On-Campus Reporting Support Services	Almarie J. Jones Special Assistant to the President Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Compliance John F. Ryder Director Student and Veteran Affairs	856-415-2154 College Center, Room 116 ajones@rcsj.edu 856-468-5000, ext. 6456 College Center, room 202 jryder@rcsj.edu
Confidential On-Campus Counseling and Support Services	Lois Y. Lawson-Bridgell, Ph.D. MSW, LSW, Director Counseling & Wellness Services Center William Leonard, Ph.D. Intervention Teams Consultant Crystal Noboa, LSW, MSW Director, The Center for People in Transition (PIT) Diane Mussoline, EdS, LMFT Director of Behavioral Services	856-464-5236 l Lawsonb@rcsj.edu College Center, Room 206 856-415-2119 wleonard@rcsj.edu College Center, STEM Office C-168 856-415-2264 cnoboa@rcsj.edu Workforce Development Bldg., room 809 856-494-5665 dmussoli@rcsj.edu College Center, Room 200A
Confidential Off-Campus Full-Service Support	Center for Family Services/ Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)	1-866-295-7378 Camden and Gloucester counties centerffs.org/serv
Hospitals with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners	Inspira Medical Center Jefferson Washington Township Hospital	700 Mullica Hill Rd. Mullica Hill, NJ · 856-508-1000 435 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd., Turnersville, NJ · 856-582-2500