

**University of North Texas at Dallas**  
**Spring 2015**  
**SYLLABUS**

<b>SPAN3080/ Advanced Spanish Composition and Grammar for Bilinguals/3Hrs</b>			
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<b>Class Meeting Days &amp; Times:</b>	Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:20		
<b>Course Catalog Description:</b>	Principles of academic writing, spelling, and grammar in Spanish, directed specifically towards bilinguals (Spanish heritage and native speakers). Course will be taught in Spanish.		
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Demonstrate native or near-native language ability as defined by results of departmental proficiency exam and /or consent of department.		
<b>Co-requisites:</b>			
<b>Required Text:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kim, Potowski. 2011. Conversaciones escritas. Wiley.</li> </ul> ISBN-13: 978-0470905920 ISBN-10: 0470905921		
<b>Recommended Text and References:</b>	Diccionario Larousse		
<b>Access to Learning Resources:</b>	UNT Dallas Library: phone: (972) 780-3625; web: <a href="http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/library.htm">http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/library.htm</a> UNT Dallas Bookstore: phone: (972) 780-3652; e-mail: <a href="mailto:1012mgr@fhcg.follett.com">1012mgr@fhcg.follett.com</a>		
<b>Course Goals or Overview:</b>	This is an advanced course designed to improve the writing, oral, listening and reading skills of heritage Spanish speakers as well as natives speakers.		
<b>Learning Objectives/Outcomes:</b>			
1	Writing: Be able to use writing skills to analyze, persuade, and synthesize.		
2	Orthography: Be able to use orthographic rules correctly (accents, punctuation, spelling).		
3	Grammar: Be able to apply correctly the grammar rules learnt in the classroom in compositions as well as in written tests.		
4	Oral: Be able to speak in Spanish for a variety of purposes and for diverse audiences taking into account register variation		
5	Reading: Apply literal and inferential comprehension strategies to a variety of genres and texts		

*Todas las tareas requieren sus respuestas en español*

**Week 1      Martes, 20 de enero**

1. Introducción al curso;
2. Evaluación de su lectura ensayo corto.
3. Los acentos I;
4. La identidad lingüística;

**Week 2      Martes, 27 de enero**

1. Los acentos II;
2. Cómo escribir una buena introducción a un ensayo;
3. La autobiografía lingüística
4. Ortografía# 2
5. Vocabulario#2

**Week 3      Martes, 3 de febrero      Prueba de ortografía#1**

1. Prueba de acentos
2. Cómo escribir una carta formal a los padres de familia
3. Ortografía#3
4. Vocabulario#3

**Week 4      Martes, 10 de febrero      Entregar la carta formal y composición corta en clase#1**

1. Entregar la carta formal;
2. Composición corta (200 palabras, la maestra dará el tema en clase);
3. El Spanglish;
4. Los falsos cognados y palabras con las que tenemos problemas con el deletreo;
5. Ortografía#4
6. Vocabulario#4

**Week 5      Martes, 17 de febrero      Entregar la Autobiografía Lingüística y prueba de ortografía#2**

1. Entregar la Autobiografía Lingüística;
2. Prueba de ortografía;
3. Regionalismos
4. Ortografía#5
5. Vocabulario#5
6. Preparación para el examen oral

**Week 6      Martes, 24 de febrero      Examen oral**

1. Examen oral

**Week 7      Martes, 3 de marzo      composición corta #2**

1. La inmigración en los EE.UU;
2. Introducción a los ensayos académicos;
3. Homófonos
4. Ortografía#6
5. Vocabulario#6

**Week 8      Martes, 10 de marzo      MIDTERM - EXAMEN PARCIAL**

1. Midterm
2. Ejercicio de vocabulario;
3. Escribir una carta al Sr. Gilchrist

**Martes, 17 de marzo**

**SPRING BREAK**

<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Martes, 24 de marzo</b>	<b>composición corta#3 y prueba de ortografía#3</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Los Minutemen</li> <li>2. El subjuntivo en los ensayos formales</li> <li>3. Ortografía#6</li> <li>4. Vocabulario#6</li> </ol>		
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Martes, 31 de marzo</b>	<b>Entregar la Composición Argumentativa (primer borrador)</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ejercicio de vocabulario, ejercicio de descripción.</li> </ol>		
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>Martes, 7 de abril</b>	<b>composición corta#4 y prueba de ortografía#4</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conferencias con los estudiantes sobre la composición</li> </ol>		
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>Martes, 14 de abril</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conferencias con los estudiantes sobre la composición</li> <li>2. Preparación para el examen oral.</li> </ol>		
<b>Week 13</b>	<b>Martes, 21 de abril</b>	<b>Entregar la Composición Argumentativa</b>
Examen oral preparación		
<b>Week 14</b>	<b>Martes, 28 de abril</b>	<b>EXAMEN ORAL</b>
Examen oral		
<b>Week 15</b>	<b>Martes, 5 de Mayo</b>	
Repaso general.		
<b>Week 16</b>	<b>EXAMEN FINAL</b>	

\*\*This schedule is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated by email and during class.

### COURSE EVALUATION METHODS

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

1. Quizzes (online): Students will have one (or more) quizzes after class online every week (a total of 20 quizzes per semester). The quizzes will deal with aspects viewed in the classroom such as grammar or orthography, or will be about the readings for class. All quizzes will have a deadline that will be announced through blackboard. (20%)
2. Discussion forum (online): students will have to write a thread on the discussion forum on blackboard. The thread will follow the topic that I assign on class. All discussions will have a deadline that will be announced through blackboard. (5%)
3. Short compositions (4): Every other week, students will have to write a short composition *by hand* on a topic of the teacher's choice (200 words). The short compositions will be graded and returned after the next class period. (4%)
4. Orthography quizzes (4): Every other week, students will have a dictation (an exercise to improve orthography). The dictation will be graded after the next class period. (5%)
5. Midterm: There will be one midterm exam during the semester and one final exam. (10%)
6. Compositions (2): There will be 2 long compositions during the semester. The first composition will be 10% of the

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7. Letter (1): Students will write a formal letter to a parent using the language and format appropriate for the syle. (6%)
8. Oral exams: students will have an oral presentation half way through the semester. They will have to present on an argumentative topic of their choice in formal Spanish (no code-switches allowed). The second oral presentation will be at the end of the semester and it will a recording (15%)
9. Final exam: There will be a final exam in this class, the exam will be comprehensive (4%)

## B. GRADING MATRIX

Instrument	Weight	Notes
Quizzes	20%	Online (weekly)
Discussion Forum	5%	Online
Orthography quizzes	5%	In-class (every other week)
Short composition	5%	In-class (every other week)
Compositions	30%	Two compositions: 10% and 20% respectively
Letter	6%	One formal letter
Oral exam	15%	In-class
Mid-term and final exam	14%	In-class: Midterm is 10% and final is 4%

## C. GRADE DETERMINATION

A = 90% or better  
B = 80 – 89 %  
C = 70 – 79 %  
D = 60 – 69 %  
F = less than 60

## University Policies and Procedures

Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):

*The University of North Texas Dallas faculty is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students' with documented disabilities are responsible for informing faculty of their needs for reasonable accommodations and providing written authorized documentation. For more information, you may visit the Office of Disability Accommodation/Student Development Office, Suite 115 or call Laura Smith at 972-780-3632.*

Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy:

*The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SETE to be an important part of your participation in this class.*

Assignment Policy:

Late Work—NO LATE WORK IS ACCEPTED

In case of illness, an excuse will be required for work to be accepted late (no more than a week). In case of a death in the family, obituary evidence will be required. Other extraneous circumstances such, as accidents, inclement weather or epidemics will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. The teacher can administratively withdraw the student after 4 absences.

### Attendance

Attendance and class participation in class are expected. If you know in advance that you will be absent, please send your instructor an e-mail before the absence. In general, three absences are acceptable in along semester course. Any absence after 3 will be deducted one percent from the attendance percentage points.

### Professionalism and leadership

As a profession, teachers call on practitioners to meet high ethical standards, to find constructive ways to deal with problems and to offer appropriate support with colleagues. Leadership means being a member of the team who accepts responsibility without being bossy and helps colleagues without doing their work for them.

Students are expected to show professionalism and respect for classmates and instructors by: not chewing gum while presenting in front of peers, **not reading from cell phones, not texting in class**, not using ipods in class.

### Dealing with concerns

If you have issues about the instructor, make an appointment with the instructor or visit him/her during office hours to discuss and resolve your concerns. If you have issues related to classmates, talk to the classmate involved first to resolve the issues. If needed, then go to the instructor for final resolution.

### Exam Policy:

*Exams should be taken as scheduled. No makeup examinations will be allowed except for documented emergencies (See Student Handbook).*

### Academic Integrity:

*Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of conduct and Academic Dishonesty policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Conduct at [http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student\\_conduct/index.html](http://www.unt.edu/csrr/student_conduct/index.html) for complete provisions of this code.*

### Bad Weather Policy:

*On those days that present severe weather and driving conditions, a decision may be made to close the campus. In case of inclement weather, call UNT Dallas Campuses main voicemail number (972) 780-3600 or search postings on the campus website [www.unt.edu/dallas](http://www.unt.edu/dallas). Students are encouraged to update their Eagle Alert contact information, so they will receive this information automatically.*

### Attendance and Participation Policy:

*The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in class. The dynamic and intensive nature of this course makes it impossible for students to make-up or to receive credit for missed classes. Attendance and participation in all class meetings is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. Students are responsible to notify the instructor if they are missing class and for what reason. Students are also responsible to make up any work covered in class. It is recommended that each student coordinate with a student colleague to obtain a copy of the class notes, if they are absent.*

### Diversity/Tolerance Policy:

*Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses will not be tolerated. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities as the instructor deems appropriate.*

### Optional Policies:

- *Use of WebCT/Blackboard*
- *Use of Cell Phones & other Electronic Gadgets in the Classroom*
- *Food & Drink in the Classroom*
- *Use of Laptops*
- *Grade of Incomplete, "I"*