Bienvenidos ☺☺☺ a…

HU3291: Level II-A/Spanish Language, Culture and Literature
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Before We Begin, You Should Know:
Students who PLACE into the second year of Spanish will receive SIX placement credits for first year (HU2291 and HU2292) after successfully completing (with C or better) one semester of second-year. Students who go on to complete HU3292: Level IIB in the spring semester can EITHER count these two courses toward the general education distribution requirement, OR take UNI1003 (one credit hour) INSTEAD of the four-credit-hour World Cultures lecture (UNI1002) in the spring of their freshman or sophomore year to complete the WC requirement. [We highly encourage students to complete their World Cultures/Language option requirement in the spring semester of their freshman year!]. Students may continue with third- and fourth-year language courses of this language and count this course work toward the general education distribution requirement (up to 15 credits with their departmental approval)

Required Texts and Materials**:
Pre-packaged “bundle” ISBN 0538459530 includes
• Long, Donna Reseigh, and Janice Lynn Macian. De Paseo: Diario de Actividades, 4th edition
• Premium Access Code to the Premium Website (Access Code good for 3 semesters)
• Audio CD Program (3 CDs) for De Paseo

**If you buy the textbook and workbook separately, you may find it difficult to access the Premium Website for additional help with grammar and video viewing. **Make sure your edition is #4**

• Black ink pens (pencil not accepted on written assignments or quizzes)

Recommended but not required:
• A good bilingual dictionary! By “good” I mean one that includes: modern word usage, entries that give parts of speech, gender of nouns, and idiomatic expressions, extensive equivalents for words and phrases, verb charts and other grammatical information, list of abbreviations, and a pronunciation guide. If your current dictionary does not include the above, it will be useless for this class. If
you cannot buy your own Spanish-English dictionary right now, the Language Lab (Humanities Digital Media Center in Walker) and the reference section of the Library have several on hand for reference.

Course Objectives

De Paseo helps learners develop the skills they will need for advanced study in grammar, composition, and literature. The course textbook is designed to focus on key language structures with guided approaches to writing and reading. HU3291 focuses more generally on Spanish grammar review, functional vocabulary reinforcement and usage in and outside the classroom, and the refinement and expansion of strategies for acquiring intermediate level listening, reading, and writing acquisition. The course focuses on development of all five skills: listening comprehension, oral communication, reading, writing, and cultural and intercultural understanding. The resources for accomplishing these goals include the basic textbook, the workbook, access to the De Paseo premium website (for interactive grammar, audio and video practice), and additional materials available in the Modern Language Lab (Humanities Digital Media Center, Walker first floor).

By the end of the entire academic year (two semesters) you should have improved your skills in order to:

- Feel comfortable in a Spanish-speaking social or limited working environment
- Participate in discussions in Spanish with intermediate level comprehension and fluency
- Read Spanish at an intermediate level of complexity, including authentic texts (literary, essayistic, technical)
- Present your view on subjects of interest to you individually and to the class as a group.
- Write Spanish texts with intermediate fluency, including a personal letter, a business letter, or topic compositions and short descriptive narratives
- Be more familiar with and accepting of cultural difference
- Learn more about yourself and others as interconnected intercultural speakers**

**Another important goal of the course is to skill you in the practice of becoming an intercultural speaker. By engaging with the many variants of the Spanish language, and the lives of the people who live them and use them, you become part of a network of relations—through interaction and exchange of your experiences of life, your imagination, your ideas, the things you can do, your likes and dislikes. Being intercultural is not about being safe in your knowledges and ways of doing things; it is about border crossing, making the links, filling in the gaps, and then taking time to be quiet, to listen, and to reflect. This is one way to describe critical intercultural understanding.

¿Qué tiene que hacer Ud.? 😊

Language learning is a challenging and rewarding experience! The keys to success are curiosity, open-mindedness, humor, a willingness to take risks, and above all, continuous practice. Be prepared to set aside at least 9 hours per week for study outside of class. Additionally, you are expected to:
• Attend regularly and participate actively in class.
• Familiarize yourself with the ancillary materials (i.e. Premium Website) attached to the De Paseo textbook and workbook, and take advantage of the interactive exercises and materials. Access important information at the website: http://www.cengage.com/login.

• Come prepared to class. Outside preparation is absolutely crucial to your participation and success in this class.
• Bring required textbook and workbook (Diario de actividades) to class every day!
• Keep up with all oral and/or written assignments which are designed to reinforce the work we are doing in class.
• Follow the tentative class schedule or PLAN de CLASE [separate handout] for assignments.
• Utilize the Premium Website (packaged as a bundle with your text) for additional practice with listening, vocabulary, and grammatical points. If you complete exercises or quizzes online, you can forward them to me via email, and earn additional preparation/participation points.
• Clarify any “issues” with the instructor before week two (2!)
• Do not cram assignments in the last weeks of class, as you will not receive credit for these if you do.
• Complete assignments when assignments are due.
• REVISE all assignments, quizzes, compositions, and tests in a timely manner [outside of class, never in class please!] This not only earns you EXTRA CREDIT; it better prepares you for the next quiz or test. (Un revised work is opportunity lost!)
• Double space all written assignments.
• Use only 14 pt. font on all typed assignments; you may use ink, but make sure it is BLACK and BOLD. Penciled assignments or those written in red, blue, or green ink will not be accepted.
• Be prepared to work in small groups, to role-play, and to give small presentations in class (all in Spanish).
• TURN OFF all cellular phones before entering class. If cell phones ring in class, minus points equivalent to ONE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE will be deducted from the participation portion of your grade. A second offense entitles you to a “D” in the participation portion of your grade (25%). Please inform family members or significant others that you are in class and unavailable by cell phone.
• NO LAP TOPS are allowed in class without written permission from the Dean of Students Office.
• If you need extra help with assignments Email (smbosche@mtu.edu) or visit me in my office (Walker 321). My office hrs. are posted above. I can arrange other meeting times, as well.
• Be respectful and supportive of each other while learning to laugh at your own verbal bloopers! Fluency in a language takes YEARS of hard work and patience.
• Ask for clarification whenever you feel lost. Please take responsibility for your learning and that of your peers as well!
• Follow proper behavior and classroom etiquette as per MTU student handbook [i.e. No food or drink allowed in class, please, unless you have medical authorization from the Dean of Students Office]

Premio y recompensa! (Your reward!©)
The payoff for all the work you will do in this class is one of the most exhilarating and important that can happen to a human being: the expansion and broadening of mind (and spirit). The study of language is not only about learning how our neighbors speak and act in their cultural surroundings. We also gain important insight into our own language and cultural way of being. Through language and culture study we learn to live in a diverse community complexly woven of similarities, differences, and connections.

On a more mundane level, the 2nd year sequence of Spanish courses fulfills a substantial part of the requirements for the Spanish Language and Area Studies Certificate, the Spanish Minor and/or the Spanish International Minor (approved January 2002), all of which are great additions to any professional portfolio. More information on the Minor and International follows on page 8.

Class Requirements

Your final grade will be based on the following class requirements. All requirements must be completed to pass the course:

I. Attendance, Preparation, and Class Participation: 30%
   Attendance
   I do not expect attendance to be a problem in this course, knowing that you are a highly motivated group of students. However, fall session classes present particular problems that make a strict attendance policy necessary. Each day, I will circulate a sign-up sheet during the first minutes of class. Make sure that you are in class ON TIME to sign the sheet. If you consistently arrive late for class, you will lose participation credit.
   Please note 1: A simple email note or a verbal communication does NOT qualify as an officially excused absence. What is an officially excused absence?: One that is authorized in writing by a doctor, another instructor, a coach, a program director, a supervisor, or the Dean of Students. Your grade will be seriously affected if you consistently miss class without an officially authorized excuse for your absence. Unexcused absences are serious grounds for failure in class participation and failure in the course.
   NOTE 2: If you have flu-like symptoms with fever, stay home!! Consult with a physician before returning to class with your note in writing.
   Please note 3: there are no make-ups for quizzes missed because of unexcused absences. If you know in advance that you will not be able to attend class or complete a quiz, it is your responsibility to make prior
arrangements with me and to complete the required assignments in a timely manner.

**Preparation:**
Follow the PLAN de CLASE (or tentative class schedule) [separate handout] for assignments carefully and complete work diligently; **come to class prepared to DO Spanish in class.** We will not be spending too much time talking ABOUT Spanish. USE of Spanish in the classroom is the most efficient way to learn, given the logistical constraints. **Prepare to be involved and engaged during each class session.** If called upon, be prepared to engage en español, even minimally! English, remember, does not earn you participation credits!

A great way to prepare, especially if you are more visually inclined ☺ is to complete Review & Practice Exercises online. Complete interactive Crossword or Concentration vocabulary exercises or Grammar Practice Activities. Flash cards are also available for practice online! Interactive practice quizzes are also available online. These can be saved, printed out, or emailed to me! ☺

**Quizzes in class may occasionally “pop” up to check preparation. The first quiz will be on this Course Description (CD) and PLAN de CLASE (chapter syllabus) so please read through it carefully!** By the way, the **quiz is in SPANISH!** ☺

**Participation:**
Volunteer responses in class whenever possible; if called upon for a response, do not be afraid to make mistakes. We learn from our mistakes, by reflecting on them, and moving on! Be prepared to demonstrate verbally that you are have prepared assigned oral work. Remember, one of the emphases of this class is SPEAKING. Any attempt to do this in Spanish is considered participation. Use of English is not! This applies for small group work as well.

II. Oral and Written Assignments: 30%

*Tareas orales* (oral preparation homework) and *tareas por escrito* (written homework) are assigned to insure that you receive feedback on your progress towards speaking, reading, and writing proficiency. Several writing assignments are closely linked to reading tasks. Several assignments may be *bundled* together with listening comprehension, reading, and writing tasks. This means you may be using the textbook, the workbook, and the Premium Website access code (for audio and video work) at the same time!

Most assignments are to be prepared orally. Written assignments are to be handed in! These written assignments will be of two kinds: graded (GW) and un-graded (UW). These are marked appropriately in your PLAN de CLASE. Graded assignments are averaged by grade in the final calculation; un-graded assignments are averaged by number.

**NOTA:** GW assignments are to be completed and handed in individually; UW assignments may be completed collaboratively, but are still required to be handed in individually.
GW assignments may be revised for additional credit! Revision is an essential component of all writing assignments in this class. REVISION is both voluntary and/or required! 😊 You are urged to revise if you receive anything lower than an A on GW assignments! 😊 Follow proper procedure for revising these assignments (see below). I will use various qualifiers to inform you as to whether the assignment exceeds, meets or falls short of expectations. If your paper is not qualified in some way (bien, muy bien, excelente, vale (OK), or by a grade), your work may not be acceptable. The assignment has not been recorded (N.R) and must therefore be revised. In this case, your revision is required 😊

**PROCEDIMIENTO PARA REVISAR: MUY IMPORTANTE:** All assignments should be double spaced; this is especially true of GW assignments. They should be written out in bold ink or typed. If typed, please use 14pt font. All written assignments and completed revisions should be clearly labeled (GW or UW), referenced and dated. Revisions should be written on a separate sheet of paper, clipped or stapled on top of the original copy. Corrections are never to be made on the original unless told to do so.

NOTA: assignments that are 4 days past the due date stipulated on the PLAN de CLASE will not be accepted for credit.

NOTA: DO NOT ask me “if (you) have any missing assignments.” It is your responsibility to keep on target with assignments by following the PLAN de CLASE schedule—marking assignments turned in and returned/graded, being attentive in class, or following up on our list-serv communication by email.

III. TESTS/EXAMS 25%

There are no mid-term or final exams in this class! Short chapter tests may take as little as 25-30 minutes to complete. Longer exams may also be given as take-home work. TEST dates are noted on the tentative PLAN de CLASE (Note: this is a tentative schedule!). ALL EXAMS ARE REVISABLE, following the procedure noted above. No make ups for exams are allowed for unexcused absences, unless pre-arranged with me.

III. SKIT: FINAL GROUP PRESENTATION 15%

On the last WEDNESDAY of CLASS (DECEMBER 9), we will meet in the MUB (Ballroom A2) for final group skit presentations. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! Spontaneous verbal and nonverbal performance in a foreign language is the goal of all language study. The purpose of these skits is to present linguistic and cultural information acquired throughout the course (year), as well as to
educate and entertain. Members of the Spanish faculty as well as outside visitors will be on hand to objectively evaluate these skits. Prizes are awarded to the best presenters. **You will receive further instructions in the 7th week.**

**GRADES:**

Grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

| 93-100  | A   | 70-76  | C   |
| 92-89   | AB  | 65-69  | CD  |
| 88-82   | B   | 60-64  | D   |
| 81-77   | BC  | <60    | F   |

**Final Grades are further calculated on a 7 pt. system ( A=7 – F=0)**

**Language Lab**

The Language Lab is part of the Humanities Digital Media Zone (or DMZ) located on the first floor of the Walker Bldg (Walker 113): (to the left and down the hall as you enter the building through the front door). There are various procedures that need to be followed when using equipment or material in the lab. The lab is an important component of language learning. While I will NOT REQUIRE attendance, the lab serves as an important resource for aural/ listening comprehension practice. In addition, several assignments from the *Diario de Actividades* manual will require those of you who do not have internet access at home to make full use of the lab on a regular basis. **Lab hours are usually posted outside the door of the DMZ.** Monitors and “Coaches” will be available to help you. I will update you as the semester progresses. More information to follow.

**Please note: You are automatically charged a lab fee upon registration for a language class! Put this money to good use by taking full advantage of the equipment and varied materials, including audio tapes, videos, vocabulary and grammar exercises available there and purchased with your money!**

Please do not ask about “extra credit” for this course! There is none!

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There are now as many Spanish speakers in the world as English speakers! Spanish is spoken on four major continents. ¿Sabes cuales? 😊 In 2003 the U.S. Census Bureau declared Latinos to be the largest minority group in the U.S. surpassing African-Americans and reaching 40 million, which constitutes more than 10 percent of the whole Spanish-speaking world. By the end of the 21st century, their cultural, political, and economic influence will be enormous. Every time we celebrate our Spanish heritage we remember the important role that Spanish language, culture, and history have played and continue to play in almost every facet of U.S. culture, including language. Spanish is the *unofficial* second language of the United States. Indeed, to describe Spanish as a “foreign” language in the United States is increasingly problematic. As Ilan Stavans asks: “Is a form of communication so intimately related to the fabric of our nation’s life,

Find out more about Spanish language and culture, as well as other languages of the world by visiting http://www2.ignatius.edu/faculty/turner/languages.htm en la red (online)

© HU3291 and the World Cultures Requirement

If you pass this course with C or higher, you will receive six (6) placement credits: for HU2291 and HU2292. If you go on to complete HU3292 in spring *and* simultaneously complete UN1003 (1 credit), you will also satisfy the World Cultures requirement for graduation. Students may continue with third and fourth-year level language courses in Spanish and count these courses toward the general education distribution requirement (at least nine credits) and also earn credits toward a Minor or International Minor in Spanish. NOTE: As a second option, all 15 credits of the distribution requirement may be filled with modern language credits providing they are not the student’s native language, meet the upper division requirement (3000-4000 level) of nine credits, and any distribution course specified by the major is also taken.

© Minors and International Minors in Spanish Language and Culture!

Competing successfully in the world market requires language skills, cultural awareness and international experience. The study of a modern language will help students address that challenge. In addition to gaining proficiency in the language and intercultural communication skills, students will also study literature and acquire knowledge of contemporary issues. A minor in a modern language can give students the competitive edge in their career and help them develop skills to cope effectively with the complex challenges of a rapidly changing global environment.

Students who want to earn a MINOR in Spanish (18 credits) must complete two years of the language (12 credits) and two courses (6 credits) chosen from Spanish-language specific courses at the 3000 or 4000 level (see your instructor for the list) which can be taken either at MTU or completed through study abroad. Three of the six credits may be earned through participation in an approved internship in a country of the target language.

Students who want to earn an INTERNATIONAL MINOR in Spanish (21 credits) must complete two years of the language (12 credits) and three courses (9 credits) chosen from 3000-4000-level courses which can be taken either at MTU or completed through study abroad. In addition, students must spend at least six (6) weeks for work or study in a Spanish-speaking country.

© Certificate in Spanish and Area Study (21 credits):

In order to encourage students to become internationally informed, the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, in cooperation with the School of Business and Engineering Administration, will award a certificate in Spanish Language and Area Study to students who complete the program requirements. Certificates are awarded immediately upon completion of all certificate requirements. The difference
between the International Minor and the Certificate is that the Certificate does not mandate either study abroad or advanced study in Spanish language and culture. Instead students may satisfy requirements for the Certificate by completing requirements in English.

For additional information on Certificates, Minors and International Minors, please see your instructor or view our website at: http://www.hu.mtu.edu/mod_lang/

© MTU Study Abroad (Mexico, Latin America, or Spain):

If you are interested in obtaining information on study abroad, internship, or coop opportunities [with or without financial aid], please consult with one of the Spanish instructors (Department of Humanities) or with the Office/Director of International Programs (Administration Bldg.). Most of these programs allow for the transfer of credits to MTU. I am happy to support your application for study abroad if you maintain at least a BC average in this class!! PLEASE NOTE: If you are working toward an international minor in Spanish, either study or an internship in a Spanish-speaking country is required.

MORE IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Academic integrity: Students who cheat, plagiarize, or fabricate information as well as students who help others cheat, plagiarize, or fabricate can receive sanctions ranging from warning to special failing grade to expulsion from the University, depending on the severity of the offense. See the MTU Student Handbook or the Academic Integrity Policy: www.admin.mtu.edu/usenate/proposal/02/18-02.htm

- If you face circumstances that could affect your performance in this class, please see me ASAP so that we can make appropriate re-arrangements.

- MTU complies with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 (ADA). If you have a disability and need reasonable accommodation for equal access to education or services at MTU, please call Dr. Gloria Melton, Associate Dean of Students at 487-2212. For all other concerns about discrimination, you may contact your advisor, department chair, or the Affirmative Action Office at 487-3310.

- Your instructor is visually impaired, and has filed under ADA. Please follow guidelines for written assignments carefully. You may be asked to revise or rewrite an assignment if not perceived as legible or clear by your instructor.

- The syllabus and course schedule may be revised during the semester to accommodate the needs either of students or the instructor.