

**El Paso Community College**  
**Syllabus**  
**Part II**  
**Official Course Description**

<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<u>Foreign Language</u>
<b>COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER</b>	<u>SPAN 2311</u>
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<u>Intermediate Spanish I for</u> <u>Non-Native Speakers</u>
<b>COURSE CREDIT HOURS</b>	<u>3            3            0</u> Credits    Lec        Lab

**I. Catalog Description**

Provides the consolidation of skills acquired at the introductory level. Further development of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Emphasizes comprehension, appreciation, and interpretation of the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. **Prerequisites: (1) SPAN 1412 or by Spanish Placement exam AND (2) INRW 0311 or ESOL 0340 (can be taken concurrently) or by placement exam or ENGL 1301 with a “C” or better or ENGL 1302 with a “C” or better. (3:0).**

**II. Course Objectives**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- A. Demonstrate effective written, oral, and / or visual **communication skills** through on-going opportunities for oral practice in cultural and literary contexts.
- B. Demonstrate **critical thinking skills** by engaging in creative thinking, innovation, and inquiry and demonstrating analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information through appreciation of literature and oral discussions of reading selections.
- C. Demonstrate **personal responsibility skills** by their ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making by exhibiting familiarity with the contemporary cultures from the Spanish-speaking countries expanding their ability to make cross-cultural comparisons.
- D. Demonstrate **critical thinking skills** by engaging in creative thinking, innovation, and inquiry and demonstrating analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information by reading and understanding of authentic texts from the Spanish-speaking world and articulating their observations, reactions, and opinions.
- E. Demonstrate **social responsibility skills** to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility and the ability to engage effectively in local, regional, national, and/or global communities by studying through language the culture, and literature of Spain and Latin America.

**III. THECB Learning Outcomes (ACGM)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate comprehension of authentic spoken discourse produced by Spanish speakers of diverse origins.
2. Produce oral Spanish comprehensible to native speakers using complex grammatical structures to narrate, describe and elicit information.
3. Demonstrate increasing comprehension of authentic written texts in a variety of genres.
4. Write descriptions and narratives at a low intermediate level using complex grammatical structures.
5. Formulate cohesive paragraphs and short/simple essays.
6. Describe cultural practices and products of the Spanish-speaking world drawing on authentic materials including literature and the visual arts.

**IV. Evaluation**

- A. Pre-assessment  
Instructors should check each student's Placement exam results the first day of class; those who do not qualify should be sent back to Admissions.
- B. Challenge Exams  
Students who wish to challenge the course should contact the Testing Center and the Foreign Languages Coordinator. Challenge must be accomplished before the census cut-off date. Students who previously have received a W or a letter grade for the course are not eligible to challenge the course.
- C. Post-assessment  
The instructor will maintain a continuous record of each student's progress on an institutionally approved grade sheet or computerized substitute. All instructors must keep records in such a way that information would be clear to a second party having to check grade computation in special cases. An explanatory legend should be provided on the grade sheet.
- D. Examinations  
The evaluation of the exam should be based on the student's mastery of the assigned objectives. In addition to readings, verb tenses, vocabulary and spelling, it is essential that the instructor require writing assignments throughout the semester.
1. Final Examinations  
A final examination is required.
  2. Grading Percentages  
Grade percentages for determining the course grade may be devised by the individual instructor.
  3. Retakes and Make-up Exams and Class Assignments.  
At the instructor's discretion, students may be allowed to rewrite papers or retest for higher grades.
- E. Grading Scale
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| 100        | -90 | = | A |   |
| 80         | -89 | = | B |   |
| 70         | -79 | = | C |   |
| 60         | -69 | = | D |   |
| 50         | -59 | = | F |   |
| Withdrawal |     | = | W |   |
| Incomplete |     | = | I | ← This grade is given only upon agreement between instructor and student. |

**V. Disability Statement (Americans with/Disabilities Act [ADA])**

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

**VI. 6 Drop Rule**

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.