

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
SPANISH GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION
SPN 361 W.01– CID:7279
TIME: 12-1:50 daily

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This class involves the study of the syntactical and morphological characteristics of the Spanish language with emphasis on developing the ability to write in Spanish. Prerequisite: SPN 264, or equivalent.

GOALS OF THE COURSE: Part of the student's success will depend on arriving at class well prepared and able to respond quickly when called on. SPN 361 is designed to expand the student's proficiency in writing in Spanish by exploring and practicing the different steps in the writing process. We will cover four different writing formats: description, narration, exposition, and argumentation.

TEXTBOOK: Valdés, Dvorak, Hannum, and Angelelli, Composición: proceso y síntesis, Fourth edition (2004), ISBN: 0-07-281889-1.

COMPUTATION OF YOUR GRADE:

4 Compositions (9% each)	36%
4 Exams (grammar, writing techniques) (% each)	40%
5 Grammar-Homework assignments (Tarea)	10%
Final Exam	<u>14%</u>
	100%

STUDENTS MUST TAKE THE FINAL EXAM. ALL FINAL EXAMS ARE COMPREHENSIVE!

GRADING COMPOSITIONS: The grade for each composition will be based on the following profile:

1. **Focus/Content:** Degree in which the reader questions have been anticipated in selecting information. Selection of information: Topic well-thought-out and developed with effective supporting detail. (30%)
2. **Organization:** Clear thesis and flow of ideas fluid and logical. Outline (Plan de Redacción) (20%)
3. **Grammar:** Use of a wide range of structures with few or no significant errors (e.g. sentence structure) (25%)
4. **Vocabulary:** Language choices appropriate for topic, purpose and reader. Richness and accuracy of vocabulary. Amount of evidence of English interference. (20%)
5. **Conventions:** Amount of faults with respect to spelling, accentuation, punctuation, or presentation. (5%)

TAREA (homework assignments) will be turned in and will consist of (1) analysis of texts, (2) outline for a composition or (3) practice on grammar structures reviewed.

DATES TO REMEMBER: JUNE 30th. Last day for dropping without grade of F. Last day to resign..

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY: You are permitted only three hours absence (1 ½ classes). After that for each hour missed 1% will be deducted from your semester grade. Regardless of the reason for your absence, you are required to complete any in-class work or due assignments, and be informed of any other due assignments. To that effect you may e-mail an attachment of your assignment to the instructor, but are responsible for its arrival.

Student Syllabus Guidelines: You may find online a more detailed description of the following policies. These guidelines will also provide you with a link to the specific university policy or procedure:

<http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>

Academic Dishonesty: Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

Classroom Rules of Conduct: Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Students are to treat faculty and students with respect. Students are to turn off all cell phones while in the classroom. Under no circumstances are cell phones or any electronic devices to be used or seen during times of examination. Students may tape record lectures provided they do not disturb other students in the process.

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days: Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

Students with Disabilities Policy: It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

Visitors in the Classroom: Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar's Office.
