SPN 3422 Advanced Grammar and Composition. U-01 (82289)

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Prerequisites:

Advanced Grammar and Composition is a course for advanced Spanish native and non-native speakers. Prerequisites: SPN 3343 or SPN 3301 (or professor’s permission).

Course Description:

A selection of Grammar topics is studied in class through a series of assigned exercises. Students will be required to write exercises and compositions aimed to improve their knowledge of Spanish Grammar and their written communication skills. Likewise, they will read a series of articles on different issues which will familiarize them with Spanish and Spanish American society.

Course Objectives:

Students will improve their written and reading skills, they will increase their Spanish vocabulary and will get familiarized with different topics of Spanish and Spanish-American culture and society through articles and short readings.

Learning Outcomes:

To achieve a better level of written Spanish.
To improve their reading skills and Spanish vocabulary.
To reach a better understanding of different aspects of Hispanic society.

Textbook:

Repase y escriba. Curso avanzado de gramática y composición by María Cantelli Dominicis.
Grammar points and exercises will posted in the course Blackboard.
Compositions will be related to reading of articles posted in the course Blackboard.

Assignments:

Students will have to take 10 quizzes on specific Grammar aspects discussed in class.
A series of 300 words compositions will be required.
Compositions and dictations will be turned in corrected at the end of the semester.

Attendance, Quizzes and Make-Up Policy:
Attendance is mandatory and no student should miss any quiz or exam, however, only 8 of the 10 quizzes given during the semester will count. In other words, missing two quizzes would not affect your final grade. Consequently, no make-up quizzes will be given under any circumstances. Those students attending every day and taking the whole 10 quizzes will be rewarded, since only their best 8 quizzes will count for their final grade.

Course Policies:
1. Cell phones must be disconnected. No texting.
2. Exercises (when requested to be submitted) must be turned in typed.
3. Exercises must be turned in when assigned. I will not accept exercises turned in late.
4. Because of the characteristics of the course, it is not possible to give incompletes.
5. Make-up quizzes and/or exams will not be given to students missing a quiz.
6. Attendance is mandatory. Students missing class (regardless of the reason) will see their participation and attendance grade affected.
7. Comments and questions on grades must be done 48 hours after the quiz has been returned corrected.
8. Participation is expected and encouraged, but students are also expected to be tactful and neither be confrontational nor interrupt class lectures or other students participation.
9. There will not be extra work to improve grades.
10. Dictations must be corrected, typed and returned without mistakes by the end of the semester.
11. Laptops should be only used for class related work.
12. Cheating and/or plagiarism will be penalized with an F and by following the University policies:

Florida International University is a community dedicated to generating and imparting knowledge through excellent teaching and research, the rigorous and respectful exchange of ideas, and community service. All students should respect the right of others to have an equitable opportunity to learn and honestly to demonstrate the quality of their learning. Therefore, all students are expected to adhere to a standard of academic conduct, which demonstrates respect for themselves, their fellow students, and the educational mission of the University. All students are deemed by the University to understand that if they are found responsible for academic misconduct, they will be subject to the Academic Misconduct procedures and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Handbook.

University Drop-Date:
November 2, 2015. 12:05 AM Last day to drop a course with a DR grade.
**Grading System:**

Quizzes  
75%

Attendance and participation  
10%

Compositions  
10%

Set of corrected comps. and dictations.  
05%

Total:  
100%

**Grading Scale:**

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**Schedule:**

August

24  Introducción al curso. Dictado 1.
31  Capítulo 1.

September

2  Capítulo 1.
7  University Closed. Labor Day
9  Capítulo 2. Quiz 1. Usos del Pretérito e Imperfecto
14  Capítulo 2. Dictado 3.
23  Capítulo 3.
28  Capítulo 3.Dictado 5.
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October

12  Capítulo 4.
14  Capítulo 5. Quiz 4. Usos del Futuro y el Condicional
21  Capítulo 5.
26  Capítulo 6. Quiz 5 (review) Usos del Reflexivo y la Voz Pasiva
28  Capítulo 6. Dictado 8. Quiz 6
     Capítulo 6.

November

9   Capítulo 7.
11  University Closed. Veteran’s Day
18  Capítulo 8. Dictado 10
23  Capítulo 8.
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December

2   Capítulo 9 Quiz 10 (review)
   Último día de clase.