



**Department of Literature, Journalism,
Writing and Languages**

SPA 1001: Elementary Spanish

Community Classroom

4 Units

Fall 2021

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PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Foundational Explorations Mission

PLNU provides a foundational course of study in the liberal arts informed by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In keeping with the Wesleyan tradition, the curriculum equips students with a broad range of knowledge and skills within and across disciplines to enrich major study, lifelong learning, and vocational service as Christ-like participants in the world's diverse societies and culture.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to the Elementary Spanish sequence. This course is one of the components of the General Education Program at Point Loma Nazarene University, under the category of Seeking Cultural Perspectives. By including this course in a common educational experience for undergraduates, the faculty supports the survey of human endeavors from a historical, cultural, linguistic and philosophical perspective, including developing critical appreciation of human expression--both artistic and literary. This course emphasizes four basic skills: aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. Also noted is the cultural and historical background of the areas where the language is spoken. Participation and active use of the language is emphasized in the classroom.

COURSE FORMAT

This course will be taught in person at City Heights. Students are expected to attend all class sessions on location. It is imperative you arrive on time, so please make arrangements to ensure this. All class materials, assignments, and lectures can be found on Canvas. Please, bring your laptop to every class session, in order to access class assignments, quizzes and exams. Paper copies **will not** be provided. If students are unable to attend a class they will lose the points for the assignments. If you have an excused absence, you must communicate with the professor immediately.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the 101-102 sequence, students will be able to:

1. Speak (**application**) at the mid to high novice level using (**application**) basic formulaic and memorized materials within the student's own experience. **(PLO 3)**
2. Recognize (**comprehension, knowledge**) basic connected discourse that uses (**application**) vocabulary and grammar within the student's own experience. **(PLO 2,5)**
3. Write (**application, knowledge**) discrete sentences as well as simple connected paragraphs using memorized vocabulary and grammar structures. **(PLO 1,5)**
4. Read (**application**) cultural texts that employ familiar vocabulary and cognates as well as learned grammatical structures. **(PLO 4)**
5. Demonstrate (**application, knowledge**) comprehension of basic cultural mores and patterns of living of the target culture(s) studied. **(PLO 4,6)**

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

- ***Portales ebook plus supersite.***
<https://vistahigherlearning.com/school/pointloma>
 - *They Called Us Enemy*, by George Takei
 - ***Talkabroad***, 1 conversation purchased through the bookstore or Talkabroad.com
 - **Daily access to reliable internet, web-cam and microphone.** Please contact PLNU IT support at student-tech-request@pointloma.edu if you need assistance.
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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Active participation in each class. Active participation is defined to include the following: group work, journal writing and sharing, oral participation, and completion of daily assignments.
2. Completion of required readings, written, oral, lab, video, and web assignments.
3. Successful completion of written and oral examinations.

Tests & Quizzes

Since language learning is a skill, it will be imperative to ensure the necessary proficiency is attained. To this end, there will be a short test given after every chapter during the term. It will be necessary for students to do a thorough review before each test since the material is cumulative. All exams and quizzes are scheduled on the calendar. Vocabulary knowledge is extremely important. The more

vocabulary you know, the more you will be able to say. Quizzes require students to memorize the vocabulary list from each lesson. This most complete list can be found on the last page of the lesson. Be sure to look up any **pages referred** in the last box of the vocabulary such as Expresiones útiles. The standard for knowledge in a foreign language is correct spelling; therefore, words must be spelled perfectly for credit. All vocabulary and structures used on assessments must be from your lessons. Structures and vocabulary from outside your lessons **will not** receive credit. **Please refrain from using Spanish dictionaries, Google translate, or any other assistance on assessments as this is considered academic dishonesty. It is imperative you take these at the scheduled times.** Please maintain clear and timely communication with your professor regarding any unforeseen emergencies you may have.

Homework

In order to provide consistent input and practice, regular daily homework will be assigned on-line and can be found at your Portales website <http://vhlcentral.com>. You will need to follow the instructions, and enroll in the appropriate course. Assignments are due by 11:59 p.m. PST on the date due, so please give yourself enough time to complete these before your clock runs out. This is especially important if you need to use the feature on vhlcentral.com "Ask your Instructor" for any questions on the homework. All assigned homework throughout will be **due on the day noted per assignment**. This work **will not be accepted for late credit**. Further assignments and Discussions will be assigned through Canvas. Please read all instructions carefully, and be aware of due dates.

All Community Classroom students are required to read a common book. The book assigned for this semester is *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei. Further assignments from the reading will be given in class or on Canvas.

Community Dinners and/or Talks

These dinners are an integral part of the Community Classroom experience and all students are **required** to attend **both**. A catered meal from around the neighborhood is usually provided. However, in light of our current situation, an alternative will be selected. Dinners/Talks begin at 5:00-6:45 p.m. In addition to having a meal together, we hear from members of the City Heights community as they share their faith journeys with us, and discuss topics from our common books. The dinners will take place, as follows: **Tues. Sept. 14th and Tues. Sept. 15th**.

Community Engagement/Service

Community Classroom courses are conducted at the Mid City Church of the Nazarene in City Heights where the classroom experience is enhanced by all the community has to offer. Expect to walk around the city, and interact with the community as much as it is possible in the current context. A ten hour minimum of Community service is required for all students in the program.

Talkabroad

In addition, each student will be required to conduct one 30 minute conversation through Talkabroad.com. There is a \$15 charge for a 30 minute conversation. This is part of your course materials. This conversation must be scheduled 36 hours in advance. Please schedule your conversation on time for the due date.

COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 4 unit class delivered over 15 weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 10 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 150 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. The time estimations are provided in the Canvas modules.

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Homework	200	1860= A	1440= C
Quizzes	200 (1 of 8 dropped)	1800= A-	1400= C-
Community Dinners and Common book assignments	200	1760= B+	1360= D+
Canvas Discussions and partner activities	300	1640= B	1249= D
Talk-Abroad	100	1600= B-	1200= D-
Exams	800	1560= C+	1199 &
Final	200	Below = F	
Total 2000			

FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination **on its scheduled day**. The final examination schedule is posted on the [Class Schedules](#) site. No requests for early examinations or alternative days will be approved.

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-

849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation.

SPIRITUAL CARE

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith.

If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact the [Office of Spiritual Development](#).

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

In order to be successful in the online environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the [Technology and System Requirements](#) information. Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers compatible with their computer available to use. If a student is in need of technological resources please contact student-tech-request@pointloma.edu.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.

COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

Fall 2021 Calendario

agosto

31 Capítulo 1

septiembre

2 Capítulo 1

6 Labor Day

9 **Cap. 1 Prueba de vocabulario**

13 **Examen Cap. 1**

14 **Community Dinner Event (Zoom)**

16 Cap. 2,

20 Cap. 2 Prueba de vocabulario

23 **Cap. 2 Examen**

27 Cap. 3

30 Cap. 3 Prueba de vocabulario

october

4 Examen Cap. 3

7 Cap. 4

11 Cap. 4 Prueba de vocabulario

14 **Examen Cap. 4**

18 Cap. 5

21 Cap. 5 Prueba de vocabulario

25 **Examen Cap. 5**

28 Cap. 6

November

1 Cap. 6

4 Cap. 6 Prueba de vocabulario

8 **Examen Cap. 6**

11 Cap. 7

15 Cap. 7

18 **Cap. 7 Prueba de vocabulario**

22 **Examen Cap. 7 & Talkabroad**

25 *No hay clases. ¡Feliz día de acción de gracias!*

29 Cap. 8

diciembre

2 **Cap. 8 Prueba de vocabulario**

6 Cap. 8

9 **Examen Cap. 8 y Repaso**

Examen Final, viernes 17 de diciembre de 10:30-1:00.