

WELCOME/BIENVENIDOS

Literature, Journalism, Writing, and Languages
Point Loma Nazarene University

SPA 1001
sections 1
4 units

Spring 2023

SPA 1001 SECTION 1 Meeting times: 7:25-8:20 Meeting days: MTF BAC 151 W LW 215	 Instructor: Beatriz Kosonoy Patiño
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Final Exam: Monday, May 1 from 10:30 - 1:00	TO BE ANNOUNCED

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.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introductory course emphasizing 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. These classes are offered fall, spring, and summer.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES (CLOs)

By the end of the 1001-1002 sequence, students will be able to:

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

COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

This class meets the Carnegie Unit minimum requirement of 750 minutes of instructional time + 1500 minutes of out-of-class work per 1 unit of credit. Specific details about how the class meets these requirements are included here in the course syllabus.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Portales 2.0. Introductory Spanish. Blanco, Donley. **Loose-Leaf** and Digital Access for 12 Months ISBN: 978-1-54337-437-7. *We will not be using laptops in class. The student will be marked absent if not using the physical text.

The following link is for the student to buy the text cheaper.

<https://vistahigherlearning.com/school/pointloma/>

TALKABROAD:

Students will need to buy a code for TalkAbroad which is a 30 minute conversation with a native Spanish speaker from a Hispanic country. This code is different from the VHL one.

www.talkabroad.com

This class requires technology access: This is the only way to complete your online assignments and assessments, and access study tools, media, your scores, and more for the main textbook.

Text is a must from the first day of class. Each student must have the required textbook/materials to class in order to participate in class activities. Failure to do so will result in 5 points deducted from the participation points.

GRADE BREAKDOWN		GRADE SCALE	
Chapter Exams	40%	100-93 = A	92-90= A-
Final Exam	10%	87-89 = B+	83-86= B
Quizzes (written / oral)	15%	80-82 = B-	77-79= C+
In-class work, online homework,		73-76 = C	70-72= C-
TalkAbroad other assignments	1	67-69 = D+	63-66= D
	15%	60-62= D-	59= F
Attendance and class participation	5%		
Cultura	15%		

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments from the text or handouts are to be submitted/turned when they are due or they will not get credit. Assignments from VHL should be turned in by the indicated deadline. **No late work accepted.** It is the student's responsibility to keep up to date on all homework on VHL central. Course Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

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.**

In the rare case that a student is scheduled for more than three (3) final examinations on the same day, the student is authorized to contact each professor in order to work out an alternate time for one of those examinations. Department chairs/school deans and college deans need not be involved in the process of making this accommodation.

FINAL EXAM DATE & TIME	FINAL EXAM LOCATION
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Monday, May 1 from 10:30-1:00	To be announced
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EXAMS:

There will be seven chapter exams during the semester. There are no make-up exams. Even if a student knows he/she is going to miss an exam, he/she cannot take that missed test ahead of time. To compensate for unforeseen circumstances that may prevent students from taking a chapter exam (illness, (illness, family emergency, technical issues with devices or wifi, etc.), the lowest chapter score test will be dropped. Any exam not taken will automatically turn into an "F". Exam dates may be changed.

QUIZZES:

Oral and written quizzes may be unannounced and given, most of the time, after a new material is presented. There will be no make-up quizzes. **Quizzes may not be taken earlier.**

ONLINE ASSIGNMENTS

Students may have technical problems with the VHL site in order to do the online work, but these should not be excuses for not completing assigned work. Therefore, **keep up with the VHL assignments and do not wait until the last day to complete them. No excuses will be accepted and no exceptions will be made. Please be aware that there will be assignments for chapter eight.**

All 1001 students must complete one conversation with Talk Abroad (available in the Bookstore or at the site provided for TalkAborad). This conversation must be completed by **April 18th** so please make your reservation with plenty of time ahead. No excuses will be accepted for not finishing it on time. No late conversations will be accepted. Your conversation will be recorded automatically so the student does not have to submit anything. MAKE SURE THE CAMERA IN YOUR LAPTOP/COMPUTER is working so I can have access to your conversation. This conversation will be graded based on vocabulary, grammar and clarity. Also, this conversation must include grammar and vocabulary from the chapters covered. The Spanish speaking partner that you chose, will have instructions to have the conversation with you.

Cultural Events

All 1001 students must complete the four Cultural assignments stated in your syllabus/Modules. These must be done according to the directions given or no credit will be granted. They must be completed by **assigned dates. No late assignments will be accepted.**

The student will be graded based on content and instructions provided in those assignments. This can be written in English.

No credit/partial credit will be granted if the required components are not followed.

CLASS POLICIES:

a) It is the student's responsibility to come prepared for the lesson for the day. Neither absence or tardiness will be considered an excuse for missing assignments, incomplete work, or otherwise not keeping up with class activities.

b) The participation portion of the grade is based mostly on the student's active and voluntary participation in class activities; obviously, if you do not attend, you cannot participate. Failure to attend classes will result in lowered grades. Please avoid stepping out of the classroom to fill your water bottle, buy coffee or take care of your personal calls.

c) **PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY**

The Catalog policy on the [TUG Class Attendance](#) states that "There are no allowed or excused absences* except as approved in writing by the Provost for specific students participating in certain university-sanctioned activities."

Absences are counted from the first official meeting of the class regardless of the date of the student's enrollment. A student who registers late must be careful about regular attendance during the remaining of the semester. It is wise to save absences for the emergencies that always arise during the semester. A student will lose **the participation points for the day when he/she is absent**. Leaving early or arriving late (including the days we meet at the lab) will count as missing time and therefore against your grade. Half of the participation points will be deducted when a student is late to class. After 6 unexcused absences, the professor reserves the right to de-enroll the student from the class. After 12 absences (20% of the grade), a student cannot pass the class, and will receive an F for the course (per university policy). **AT ANY TIME DURING THE SEMESTER, the student will receive an automatic F for the course** regardless of his or her test scores, etc. See [Academic Policies](#) in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog.

d) Any tardy in excess of 15 minutes (or being absent for 15 minutes from class) will be counted as an absence (according to the catalog). A student is late when arriving after his/her name is called. I do call roll every day. A student may be dropped from the roll as a result of excessive tardies. **Students who are late must let me know after class or between the same week. Otherwise the tardy will become an absence.**

e) The written portion of the grade is made up of all written work, which will include homework, online assignments, class work and other assignments.

POLICY ON CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

f) Cell phones must be turned OFF upon entering the classroom and kept away from you during class. Absolutely no texting or using a cell phone anytime during class. Do not use your cell phone during class for ANY reason, even to look at the time or use it as a translator. Please understand that the use of such devices interfere with the learning process of students. Should a violation of this policy occur, **the student will be marked absent for that day. If the student keeps violating this policy, his/her case will be referred to the Department Chair. NO EXCUSES FOR USING phones IN CLASS. NO SMARTWATCHES ALLOWED IN CLASS WHILE TAKING QUIZZES OR EXAMS.**

g) No caps, hats or dark glasses during exams . **STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE THE CLASSROOM WHEN TAKING AN EXAM. NO EXCUSES so please do not ask me.**

h) I must receive an official email from coaches, professors etc, excusing students who are absent from class for school related activities. The student is responsible for all make-up class work that he/she may miss related to school activities with the professor's approval and on the indicated date. **Exams and quizzes must be taken before the student's absence.**

Note that class policy applies to all students regardless of their status.

Please note: All students in elementary Spanish will be taking the final exam at the same time. There are no exceptions. Please arrange your schedule accordingly.

NOTE: It is the student's responsibility to maintain his/her class schedule. Should the need arise to drop this course (personal emergencies, poor performance, etc.), the student has the responsibility to follow through (provided the drop date meets the stated calendar deadline established by the university), not the instructor. Simply ceasing to attend this course or failing to follow through to arrange for a change of registration (drop/add) may easily result in a grade of F on the official transcript.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

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. The use of online translators such as Google Translate for any assignments are not allowed, and will be considered as instances of cheating (a student using an online translator is not doing their own work, the translator is). This includes your assignments from VHL. Please do your own work.

Online submission of purposefully "blank" audio recordings for an entire assignment or completely blank written submissions will be considered a violation of the Academic Honesty Policy. In addition, a student will get zero points for the whole assignment, if audio recordings are left blank. 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.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students. If you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available through the Title IX Office at pointloma.edu/Title-IX.

Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, it is required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at counselingservices@pointloma.edu or find a list of campus pastors at pointloma.edu/title-ix

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a diagnosed disability, please contact PLNU's Disability Resource Center (DRC) within the first two weeks of class to demonstrate need and to register for accommodation by phone at 619-849-2486 or by e-mail at DRC@pointloma.edu. See [Disability Resource Center](#) for additional information.

Please note that the instructor reserves the right to make adjustments to this syllabus and calendar as deemed necessary. Students will be notified of any changes/additions via Canvas.