

Point Loma Nazarene University
Department of Literature, Journalism, Writing, Languages, and Environmental Studies
SPA 1002 (4 units)

Section: 05
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Location: Bond 104

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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 is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive 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.

Diversity Statement: Point Loma Nazarene University is committed to diversity in the classroom, in its publications and in its various organizations and components. Faculty and staff recognize that the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of their colleagues and students are best served through respect toward gender, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, culture, and other personal characteristics. In addition, the Department of Literature, Journalism, Writing, and Languages is committed to taking a leadership position that calls for promoting a commitment to diversity in and out of the classroom and in the practices of writing, journalism, and the study of literature and languages.

Digital Statement

Neuroscience confirms that students process and retain information better and are less easily distracted when handwriting notes than with using a screen. However, if students have a demonstrable need to take notes digitally, they may make special arrangements with the instructor.

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.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the SPA 101-102 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.

FOUNDATIONAL EXPLORATIONS LEARNING OUTCOMES

Elementary Spanish is one of the components of the General Education program at PLNU, 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.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

Blanco, Jose A. (2017). *Portales 1*, Vista Higher Learning ([Links to an external site.](#))

Online Access - ISBN: 978-1-68004-195-8 (Digital Access for 24 months)

Online Access - ISBN: 978-1-68004-216-0 (Digital Access for 6 months)

Online access is required for the homework assignments. It is recommended to purchase the 12-month access, but if you will complete SPA 1002 within 6 months, it costs a bit less for the 6 month access. Please choose accordingly. Here is the website with options for PLNU: <https://vistahigherlearning.com/school/pointloma/> ([Links to an external site.](#))

TalkAbroad conversation (<https://talkabroad.com>) One 30-minute conversation is required for \$15.00. Instructor will provide more instructions.

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Attendance and participation

Come to class ready to participate en ESPAÑOL! Participating effectively means coming prepared and ready to class so you can engage in a variety of activities created to practice your communicative skills in Spanish.

In agreement with the 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 instructor 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.”*

Due Dates: The dates for the exams and the quizzes are here in the syllabus. You will NOT be able to take exams or quizzes any other time. Unless you are officially excused from PLNU, if you miss a quiz or an exam you will receive a 0.

Quizzes: Every week you will have a vocabulary quiz to measure your studying and learning. Quizzes represent **10%** of the overall course grade.

Exams: There will be 6 exams, one for each lesson covered. Exams represent **45%** of the overall course grade.

Cultural Engagement Assignment: Students will be required to complete **five cultural engagement assignments** during the class, such as watching a documentary or a movie, visiting a museum, and attending a lecture. The professor will provide more information. Cultural Engagement Assignment represents **20%** of the overall course grade.

Portales Assignments: Online homework represents **10%** of the overall course grade.

TalkAbroad Conversation: **As part of this class, you will have the opportunity to speak with a native speaker of Spanish for 30 minutes.** TalkAbroad Conversation represents 5% of the overall course grade. / CODE for TalkAbroad Conversation is **Pinta2023-175330**

Final Exam: The final exam will be comprehensive, and it represent **10 %** of the overall course grade.

Grades will be based on the following:

Sample Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentages

A	B	C	D	F
A 93-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F Less than 59
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the

student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

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.

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](#).

Course Schedule

Subject to change

ENERO

Lesson 9: *Las fiestas*

- 10 ¡Bienvenidos!/ Introducción a la clase.
- 11 vocabulary and review of the past (*Portales's* e-book, p. 300-301)
- 13 vocabulary and review of the past
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (and the professor's birthday ☺)
- 18 vocab. quiz; irregular verbs in the past (p.310- 313)
- 20 Review
Portales is due
- 23 **EXAMEN**

Lección 10: *En el consultorio*

- 24 vocabulary (p. 332-333)
- 25 the imperfect (p.342-343)
- 27 vocab. quiz
- 30 irregular verbs in the imperfect
- 31 the imperfect and the past preterit (p.346-348)

FEBRERO

- 1 the imperfect and the past preterit
- 3 review
- 6 review
- 7 *Portales is due* NO hay clases ☺
- 8 **EXAMEN**

Lecciones 11 y 12

- 10 vocabulary
- 11 familiar commands (p.378-379)
- 14 vocab. quiz; affirmative and negative commands
- 15 the present subjunctive with verbs of will and influence

- 17 construcciones con **se** (p.350-351)
- 20 the present subjunctive with conjunctions (p. 460)
- 21 review; **Portales is due**
- 22 **EXAMEN**

Leccion 13: La naturaleza

- 24 vocabulary (p.442-443)
- 27 **vocab. quiz**; the subjunctive with verbs of emotion (p.452-454)
- 28 the subjunctive with verbs doubt, disbelief and denial (p.456)

MARZO

- 1 review
- 3 review
- 6- 10 Spring Break ☺
- 13 review; **Portales is due**
- 14 **EXAMEN**

Lección 14: En la ciudad

- 15 vocabulary (p.476-477)
- 16 the subjunctive in adjective clauses (p.486)
- 17 **vocab. quiz**, past participles used as adjectives (p.493)
- 20 review
- 21 review
- 22 review; **Portales is due**
- 24 **EXAMEN**

Lección 15: El bienestar

- 27 vocabulary (p.508-509)
- 28 el presente perfecto (p.518-519)
- 29 el pasado perfecto; **vocab. quiz** (p.522-523)
- 31 present perfect subjunctive (p. 525-526)

ABRIL

- 3-5 el futuro y el condicional (552-553; 588-589)
- 6-10 Easter Recess
- 11 review; **Portales is due**

- 12 **EXAMEN**
- 14 Questions for **TalkAbroad** are due
- 17 Cultural Activities
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- 19-24 Professor's trip ☺ No hay clases
- 25 Repaso para el examen final/ **Talk Abroad conversation is due**
- 26 Repaso para el examen final
- 28 Repaso para el examen final

MAYO

- 1 **Examen final** ☺ ☺