



Walters State Community College Course Syllabus

Course Information

Course Number and Name: SPAN 2900 Probs and Topics in Span Std

Section ID: 81586.202380

Semester and Year: Fall 2023

Credit Hours: 3

Start Date: August 21, 2023

End Date: December 08, 2023

Course Format: HYB - Hybrid (Web-Assisted Classes)

Catalog Course Description: Instructor-designed course to provide for an advanced and individualized study of the Spanish language and culture. This course may be repeated provided the same experience is not repeated. **F, S, Su**

Meeting Details: TBD

Course Drop Deadline: October 27, 2023

Instructor Information

Name: Erika Stevens

Office Location: ACAD 128

Office Hours: Mondays from 2:30-5:00 pm, Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 pm, Wednesdays from 11:00 am -12:00 pm and 12:30-2:30 pm, Thursdays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm (virtual), Fridays by appointment only (virtual)

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Supervisor Name: Rob Pratt

Supervisor Phone: 423-585-6952

Required Textbook(s) and Materials

TBD

Supplemental or Optional Materials

Headphones and microphone

Paper

pen/pencil

access to a computer with internet access faster than dial-up

audio file recording software

audio file player

Optional: *Vox Everyday Spanish and English Dictionary* (2nd edition) or other quality dictionary

Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives

- As a result of successful completion of SPAN 2900 Advanced Spanish Conversation, students will be able to achieve the following tasks in Spanish:
 1. Manipulate (orally and some written) vocabulary related to, but not limited to: travel, asking for directions, phone etiquette, places around town, food/restaurants, health, free-time activities, education, business, government and politics
 2. Have a greater awareness of culture in Spanish-speaking countries.
 3. Maintain a complex conversation in Spanish for the entire class time.

General Education Course Designation: This 3-hour course is a general elective; however, it does not qualify as a Humanities General Education course.

Instructional Approach and Methods

Instructional and Evaluation Methods:

1. Videos.
2. Conversations with the instructor and possible verbal recordings of student speaking Spanish.
3. Readings.
4. Listening comprehension.

Assessment, Evaluation and Testing Procedures

Testing Procedures:

1. All tests and quizzes are online in MyWS/eLearn

Grading Scale

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

Assignments/Projects:

Conversations 65%

Oral Projects – 20%

Vocabulary Quizzes – 15%

Assignments

Conversations: Weekly conversations will be had with the instructor covering the specific topic for that week. Conversations will be graded on vocabulary, pronunciation/fluency, technical quality, and cultural aspects as appropriate.

Oral Projects: You will be assigned three oral projects, one at the end of each section, to demonstrate your understanding of the grammar and vocabulary that you have studied as well as your

pronunciation and cultural sensitivity. These will require pictures, subtitles, or captions, as well as a voice-over that you will record. An instructional video is provided to help you use the various technologies available.

All oral projects must be in Spanish. These oral projects will need to be submitted to the appropriate Dropbox folder by the due date or will be completed in person. You will be graded on completion, technical quality, vocabulary, pronunciation/fluency, and cultural aspects. It is recommended that you save your file as a .mp3, mp4, .wav, or .ogg.

Pruebas (Quizzes): All quizzes are located under the “Quizzes” tab. The due dates for the quizzes are listed on the course calendar. Quizzes will test your comprehension of the vocabulary and grammar presented.

Class Participation

Spanish class is interactive and requires much pair and group work. Also, the main language of communication during class is Spanish. This subjective grade assesses the student's willingness to participate in this unconventional and sometimes stressful environment. Participation can also occur outside of the classroom in communication with the instructor and visits with the instructor.

Participation in the course requires completion of the weekly assignments and activities.

Course and Class Policies/Procedures

*If you need to reach me quickly, please use my email address or by text.

*I will respond to all emails/phone calls within 24 hours, except on weekends/holidays when it may take 48 hours. Thus, I would recommend that you do not wait until the last minute to complete the weekly work since, if you have a problem, I may not be able to reply before the due date.

*Graded work will be visible under the “Grades” tab in eLearn usually within one week of the work being turned in.

*Netiquette – I expect all students (and myself) to be respectful when communicating with each other or with me during this class. Please do not post anything offensive or insulting. I want this to be an encouraging learning experience. You are also not to use any personal information shared in this class with others outside the class. That being said, don't share anything too personal with the class unless you are willing for it to be public knowledge. If you need to discuss something with me privately, then use the email listed above and not the discussion board format.

*Virtual office hours – During my virtual office hours I will be online. I will be available during my virtual office hours live and in person if you wish to speak with me after the first week of class. *If you have trouble viewing or hearing any of the videos, try opening them using a different web browser. If you continue to have problems, please let me know as soon as possible.

Online/Web-Enhanced Course Supplementary Information

This is a hybrid course requiring some work in person as well as other work outside of the classroom/office. Thus, students must have access to a computer with an internet connection faster than dial-up as well as a microphone. This class has weekly live meetings of at least 30 minutes each, scheduled at a time agreeable to both the student and the instructor. All live meetings will be conducted in Spanish.

Academic Program Standards/Policies/Accreditation Information

Use of an online translator to translate a sentence, paragraph, or document from English into Spanish or from Spanish into English is considered cheating and any activity using an online translator to complete a majority of the assignment will be given a grade of 0. Online translators can ONLY be used as a dictionary to look up individual words or short 2-3 word phrases.

Academic Honesty

Faculty expect all students to refrain from acts of academic misconduct including but not limited to:

1. Plagiarism - refers to using another person's ideas or writing without giving proper credit to the original source. Indulging in this type of conduct will subject the student to disciplinary sanctions, which may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures of Walters State Community College as outlined in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism will result in a grade of "0" for the paper/exam/presentation. Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions contained in the college Catalog/Student Handbook apply (see policy 04:18:02 Disciplinary Sanctions). Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Using cut/paste tool from original document with no references given.
 - b. Copying another student's work and submitting it as one's own.
 - c. Forging or otherwise altering signatures.
 - d. Giving or falsifying academic documents or materials.

2. Cheating - construed as attempting to deceive or mislead which includes, but is not limited to the following:
- a. Utilizing old tests, projects, notes or written papers.
 - b. Providing unauthorized information to a fellow student about exam content.
 - c. Receiving unauthorized aid from any source with quizzes, examinations, or other assignments.
 - d. Seeking information in an unacceptable manner during/preceding an exam or other assigned work (cheat sheet, verbal exchange, looking at another person's paper or electronic device, utilizing headphones, using textbook when the test/quiz is not an open book test/quiz, using textbook test bank etc.).
 - e. Consulting with a classmate or others when taking a computerized test.
 - f. Disregarding other specific policies and procedures outlined for a particular class.
 - g. Utilizing unapproved technology/electronic equipment during testing (i.e.: mobile devices such as cell phones, smart devices, or tablets, etc.).
 - h. Using the same Internet Protocol network address (IP address) as another student for testing without approval from the course faculty.
3. The use of any generative artificial intelligence (AI) tool, such as OpenAI's ChatGPT, Google's Bard, or any other pre-trained language model (commonly referred to as "chatbot"), must be cited for any assignment where it has been used and may not be used unless specifically allowed by your instructor. Please see your instructor or the course policies within the syllabus if you have questions.

Student Resources

TUTORING SERVICES

Students in need of tutoring assistance are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Tutoring located as follows:

- Morristown Campus - Student Services Building Room L107 - (423) 585-6920
- Niswonger Campus - GRNV 226 - (423) 798-7982
- Sevierville Campus - MMH Room 210 - (865) 286-2787
- Claiborne Campus - Room 123A - (423) 851-4761

Specific tutoring assistance in mathematics and writing is available in-person and online as follows:

- Morristown Campus - English Learning Lab - HUM 120 - (423) 585-6970

[Walters State English Learning Lab \(opens in new window\)](#)
ws.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab

- Morristown Campus - Mathematics Lab - MBSS 222 - (423) 585-6872

[Walters State Mathematics Learning Lab \(opens in new window\)](#)
ws.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Students who need assistance with computing and technology issues should contact the IET Helpdesk by phone at Morristown: (423) 318-2742; Niswonger: (423) 798-8186; or Sevierville: (865) 286-2789 or on-line access.

[Walters State Helpdesk \(opens in new window\)](#)
helpdesk.ws.edu

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES

Students with disabilities must register with Student Support Services each semester in the Student Services Building, Room U134 (phone (423) 585-6892) if they need any special facilities, services, or consideration.

[Walters State Student Support Services \(opens in new window\)](#)
ws.edu/student-services/disability/

SUICIDE PREVENTION STATEMENT

Walters State is committed to and cares about all students. Support services are available for any person at Walters State who is experiencing feelings of being overwhelmed, hopelessness, depression, thinking about dying by suicide, or is otherwise in need of assistance. For immediate help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling or texting 9-8-8 or the Trevor Lifeline at 1-866-488-7386. Veterans may also contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (press 1) or Text 838255.

Walters State has a relationship in place with the following community agencies to provide services (may include crisis referral services, prevention screenings, etc.):

- Cherokee Health Systems 423-586-5032
- Frontier Health 423-467-3600

College Policies

STUDENTS HANDBOOK AS OFFICIAL GOVERNING DOCUMENT

This class is governed by the policies and procedures stated in the current Walters State Community College Student Handbook. All students attending Walters State Community College, regardless of the time, location, or format of the class, must abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the current Walters State Catalog/Student Handbook and the current Walters State Timetable of Classes.

[Walters State Catalog \(opens in new window\)](http://catalog.ws.edu/)
catalog.ws.edu/

[Walters State Timetable of Classes \(opens in new window\)](http://ws.edu/admissions/registration/)
ws.edu/admissions/registration/

PURPOSE, LIMITATIONS AND MODIFICATION OF SYLLABUS

This syllabus sets forth the expectations for the course content, work, and grading as well as expectations for student performance and conduct. The syllabus does not constitute a contract between the student and the instructor or the College. The information contained here is subject to change at any time. The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus at any time with written notification to the students. Though changes are possible, it is expected that the course will be conducted as described in this syllabus for the semester/year specified in the Course Information section of the syllabus. This syllabus is only valid for the semester/year specified and course requirements are not guaranteed for future semesters.

COURSE GROUND RULES

- Students must attend the first day of on-ground class or contact the instructor prior to the first class. Failure to do this may result in being dropped from the class. Excessive absences may substantially lower the course grade.
- Regular class attendance is a student's obligation for any course regardless of format. (See the Walters State Catalog/Student Handbook). If a student misses class, it is his or her responsibility to contact the instructor regarding missed assignments and/or activities and to be prepared for the next class assignment.
- Students enrolled in web courses must follow the course attendance policy defined for online attendance during the first week of class and throughout the term. Failure to do this may result in being dropped from the class during week one OR may result in the accrual of absences which may negatively impact the student's grade in the course.
- Students who have not paid fees on time and/or are not correctly registered for this class and whose names do not appear on official class rolls generated by the Walters State student information system (MyWS) will not be allowed to remain in class or receive credit for this course.

- Electronic devices must not disrupt the instructional process or college-sponsored academic activity. Use of electronic devices is prohibited unless use of the device is relevant to the activity and use is sanctioned by the faculty member in charge. Electronic devices that are not relevant to the activity or sanctioned by the faculty member in charge should be set so that they will not produce an audible sound during classroom instruction or other college-sponsored academic activity.

FINANCIAL AID

Students receiving any type of financial aid or scholarship should contact the Financial Aid Office before making any changes to their schedule. Schedule changes without prior approval may result in loss of award for the current term and future terms.

All forms of student Financial Aid may be jeopardized or lost due to the lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress in one or multiple courses. Lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress may negatively impact a student's degree/certificate completion pace and further jeopardize Financial Aid eligibility.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES AND ACADEMIC CONTINUITY

For information related to the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather or other events, please check the Senators Emergency Text system or the college's Web site at:

[Walters State Homepage \(opens in new window\)](#)

ws.edu/home/

[Walters State Facebook page \(opens in new window\)](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/WaltersState/>

[Walters State Twitter page \(opens in new window\)](#)

<https://twitter.com/waltersstate>

or call the college's student information line, 1-800-225-4770, option 1; the Sevier County Campus, (865) 774-5800, option 7; the Niswonger Campus (423) 798-7940, option 7; or the Claiborne County Campus, 423-636-6200, option 7. Also, please monitor local TV and radio stations for further announcements.

When an event or disaster interrupts the scheduled operations of the college and the ability to proceed with the academic course activities as planned, the college and your instructor may alter the course plan outlined in the syllabus. Should an event occur, students should refer to their course e-Learn pages and/or class materials previously delivered to receive guidance from their instructor. Students should continue to monitor the official college channels of communication listed in the above paragraph. If you would like to sign up for the Senators Emergency Text system, please go to the following Web site:

[Senator Emergency Text System \(opens in new window\)](#).
[ws.edu/set/](#)

Dual Enrollment students attending on a high school campus should refer to the high school inclement weather cancellations.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Brightspace (commonly known as eLearn or D2L) is the college's Learning Management System (LMS).

Brightspace is committed to accessibility by "deliver[ing] a learning experience that meets the needs of all people, regardless of age or ability." [Brightspace Accessibility Standard \(opens in new window\)](#)

Brightspace is also committed to guarding student data and privacy. [Brightspace Privacy Policy \(opens in new window\)](#)