

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

SPA 101 ELEMENTARY SPANISH 1/GE

Credit Hours: 4 Lec 4

SPA 1101

PREREQUISITE: None

NOTE: This course is not designed for native Spanish speakers or students with intermediate proficiency or better.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Basic communication skills with emphasis on oral communication and elementary grammar. Students are exposed to the culture and traditions of the Spanish-speaking countries. Fulfills the first semester foreign language requirement at most four-year institutions.

1. **COURSE GOALS**

- 1.1 Develop a solid foundation for listening and speaking.
- 1.2 Introduce reading and writing, and, although not emphasized, develop these skills.
- 1.3 Develop an interest in continued study of Spanish.

2. **OUTCOMES**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 identify important facts in a text through reading.
- 2.2 write simple paragraphs using familiar material.
- 2.3 recognize and explain everyday cultural patterns.
- 2.4 demonstrate understandable pronunciation skills when speaking and engaging in conversation, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions in highly predictable everyday settings.

3. **AWC GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) CATEGORY & CRITERIA**  
**ORAL COMMUNICATION**

- The syntax and mechanics of written and/or oral communication, including exploration of academic and rhetorically diverse contexts
- How to communicate orally and visually
- The use of visual aids to effectively communicate
- The use of language(s) to explore and express ideas in a diverse society

3. **METHODS OF INSTRUCTION**

- 3.1 Total Physical Response (TPR), along with the audio-lingual and natural approach
- 3.2 Discussions, readings, repetition of phrases, role playing, and oral and written drills
- 3.3 Cultural instructional technology
- 3.4 Games and group activities

4. **LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

- 4.1 Chapters 1-5
- 4.2 Group work in the classroom
- 4.3 Oral and listening quizzes and tests
- 4.4 Cultural multimedia
- 4.5 Classroom discussions
- 4.6 Commands executed in class
- 4.7 Writing Assignments

5. **EVALUATION**

- 5.1 Class participation
- 5.2 Written assignments
- 5.3 Quizzes and exams (oral, aural, written, reading)

6. **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.

- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for "No Show" reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.
- Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a "No Show" (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of "NS" on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
- For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
- Submitting an academic assignment
  - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
  - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
  - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
  - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course