

Spanish 2002 Summer 2008: UGA Costa Rica

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Class time and location:

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SPANISH 2002 is designed for those who have successfully completed SPANISH 2001, or those who have been advised to enter this course because of placement test scores.

Required Text:

- Atando Cabos. 3rd Edition. Rosso-O'Laughlin & González-Aguilar. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2008.

Goals of SPANISH 2002:

By the end of this summer course, you should be able to do the following:

1. Engage in dialogue with classmates, instructor, and people in Costa Rica about situations in the past, present, and future; discuss daily activities, likes and dislikes, give advice and suggest group activities, express hope and desire as well as judgment and feelings;
2. Understand "edited" narration from the instructor, from the video or audio component, and from classmates and Spanish native speakers from Costa Rica;
3. Read authentic material from the popular press as well as a few literary pieces and understand the main points;
4. Write about a cultural text that was read or listened or any other personal experiences taking place in Costa Rica;
5. Know basic concepts of a typical Hispanic and Costa Rican family, Hispanics in U.S.A., alternative medicine, pre- Colombian civilizations, environmental problems that face Spanish speaking and other countries, and be able to discuss these topics within a comparative and contrastive framework.
6. Have a good knowledge and background of the Costa Rican culture in its many expressions like: art, history, food, tourist attractions, dances and the way of living in general.

Class Hours:

This class generally meets from Monday to Friday, one hour and fifteen minutes daily. There are two Saturday sessions scheduled, and other class times will be scheduled during field trips.

Grading Criteria:

Quizzes (3)	15%
Compositions (2)	20%
Partial exams (1)	20%
Oral Exam (2)	10%
Final Exam (1)	20%
Oral work and participation/homework and written work*	10%
Attendance	5%

* **Oral work and participation/homework and written work** is based on participation, homework, listening and oral activities, self-study lab activities assigned by the instructor, etc. Every instructor will tailor this portion of the

grade according to his or her discretion. Due to the nature of language acquisition, it is mandatory that you attend all classes and that you participate actively. Your professor will assign you a participation grade.

Attendance:

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY! The only reason to miss class is for personal illness or a change in the group’s program itinerary. Unexcused absences during a UGA Costa Rica study abroad program are grounds for dismissal from the program. Thus, everyone should earn an attendance grade of 100%.

Missed Work:

There are no make-ups of daily work, i.e. quizzes, homework or other classroom assessments. No late work will be accepted. **THERE IS NO EXTRA CREDIT.** If you miss a partial exam due to any excused absence, your final examination will replace that zero. Only one partial exam may be made up this way. Your professor will determine which absences are excusable.

Student Concerns:

If you have a concern about your Spanish class, try to resolve it with your instructor first. Concerns not resolved by students and instructors may be brought to the attention of the Spanish supervisor, Dr. Teresa Pérez-Gamboa, Gilbert 311, 706-542-3972, perez@uga.edu. Communication through e-mail is preferred.

Student Grades:

Your instructor will grade and return exams, compositions and other assignments in a timely fashion. By the last day of class, you will be provided with a summary of your grades up to the final exam.

Week	Dates	Material to be covered from textbook and online workbook	Evaluations / Examinations
1	June 12-14	Introduction to course, Chapter 7	
2	June 16-20	Chapter 7-8	
3	June 23-27	Chapter 9	Oral Exam 1: June 26
4	June 30- Jul. 4	Chapter 9	Partial Exam 1: July 4
5	July 7-11	Chapter 10	Composition 1: July 10
6	July 14-18	Chapter 11	Composition 2: July 18
7	July 21-25	Chapter 11-12	Oral Exam: 25
8	July 28-31	Review	Final Exam

Academic Honesty Policy: *“I will be academically honest in all of my academic work and will not tolerate academic dishonesty others.”* – UGA’s Student Honor Code