AP Spanish Language

Course Overview

The AP Spanish course will be conducted entirely in Spanish (with an occasional clarification, if student requires one, in their L1 from the instructor). Students are encouraged to have all communication with instructors and peers at the AP level in the target language and use of spoken Spanish in class is incorporated into the students’ oral participation element of their grade. The Spanish language should be utilized by the student in order to:

- Understand and participate in lectures and conversations, read and listen to newspapers and radio news (online), comprehend classroom and real-life instructions, internet sites, poetry, songs, films and short stories.

- Express their thoughts by describing, their opinions by inquiring and arguing, and express themselves in a variety of styles with different audiences. Also be able to express the significance of the products, practices and perspectives of different cultures within the Hispanic world.

Course Outline

- High School uses a combination of three textbook series for AP instruction. Triángulo Aprobado (Wayside publishing, 2013) is used to tie together the thematic AP approach and address the six themes of Global Challenges, Science and Technology, Contemporary Life, Personal and Public Identities, Families and Communities, and Beauty and Esthetics in a contextual manner and utilize current audio, visual and textual resources.

- The Glencoe / McGraw Hill, 2011 series entitled Así se dice IV is used primarily to give a geographic scope and sequence to the year-long course. The course is divided into six units, based on the geography, history and culture of the following regions: España, Los Países Andinos, El Cono Sur, La América Central, México, El Caribe, Venezuela y Colombia y Los Estados Unidos. To maintain consistency in the program throughout all levels, AP Spanish uses Así se dice IV as a geographical sequential guide throughout the academic year, as a comprehensive grammar review on and a vocabulary builder. We are currently using the 2011 edition, which comes with an online text and workbook activities, so students will be able to do
most written practice from the text outside of the classroom or during independent study times.

- For the further study of history, art and literature in the Spanish-speaking world, the text *Galería de arte y vida* (Glencoe / McGraw Hill, 2008) is used also. The selections are used not sequentially but randomly as to coincide with the geographical, thematic structure of *Así se dice IV*.

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Historia  
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El arte español  
(Velásquez, Goya, Picasso y Dali)  
Literatura: “Los Fusilamientos de la Moncloa,” Manuel Machado |
| 2    | **Países andinos hoy**  
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Lecturas:  
Geografía  
Historia  
Cultura | Cuadro III – El heroism  
(Bolívar y San Martín)  
Literatura: “El mensajero de San Martín,” un relato  
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| 3    | **El Cono Sur hoy**  
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**Las Identidades Personales y Públicas**, heroes and historical characters: a tribute to Mercedes Sosa (p. 164) | El Cono Sur  
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Literatura: “Continuidad de los parques,” Julio Cortázar  
“Borges y yo,” Jorge Luis Borges |
| 4    | **La América Central hoy**  
Ciencia y Tecnología, access to technology: the availability of | La América Central  
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**Student Evaluation**

- **70% Quizzes, Unit Tests, Essays, and Formal Email responses**
  Weekly quizzes will be given on thematic content and vocabulary, and unit assessments will primarily be written essays taken from multiple sources, including all three textbooks, and online resources, both reading and listening. Reading, writing, speaking, and listening components are part of all assessments throughout the course. Essays will be written based on information from three sources (written, graphic and audio,) with some essay topics coming from Triángulo Aprobado. Formal email responses will be written in response to prompts taken from Triángulo Aprobado. Practice AP exams will be given in the two weeks prior to the actual test date and will be part of the second semester final grade.

- **15% Journal, weekly independent practice and class participation**
  Students will need to keep a weekly journal that will include not only personal entries and logging current events but also a complete list of all new vocabulary related to textbook units and outside sources. Class discussions will deal with issues within the six themes and sub themes of the AP course and will require students to speak spontaneously, expressing their own views and opinions on topic. Students will also have to speak extemporaneously on chosen topics to prepare for the formal spoken presentation on the AP exam. Daily practice listening to online news, videos or television and reading in Spanish will be necessary to improve listening and reading speed and accuracy.

**15% Term Final and Individual Work**

Comprehensive semester finals are designed from the Scope and Sequence of the Asi se Dice/Buen Viaje series AND from reading and listening
comprehension assessments and spoken assessments (both Interpersonal and Presentational) taken from past AP exams, materials from the 2013 AP teacher’s workshop and Triángulo Aprobado.

Students can also choose an independent experience, which can range from volunteering in the local Hispanic community at “La Clinica” (a free clinic for the Spanish-speaking immigrant community in St. Louis,) reading a novel, teaching Spanish to an elementary class, watching and critiquing films or a television series in Spanish, or travelling abroad over Winter or Spring Break and journaling by email or blog in Spanish during the trip.

Resources

Textbooks:


Other magazines, stories and critiques:


Rulfo, Juan. *No oyes ladrar a los perros*

Web Sites:

El Mundo.es. Líder mundial de información en castellano
www.elmundo.es

BBC Mundo.com


MSN Latino
http://latino.msn.com/
El Universal.com.mx

Centro Virtual Cervantes
http://www.authentik.com

CNN en español https://www.youtube.com/user/cnnenespanolcom/videos?app=desktop

Glencoe Online
http://glencoe.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0078791421/

Don Quijote Newsletter
http://www.donquijote.org/newsletter/

Popular Spanish Sayings and Jokes
http://www.donquijote.org/spanishlanguage/sayings/index.asp

http://www.donquijote.org/spanishlanguage/chistes/

CDs, online music and films

Pandora en español https://www.pandora.com/station/165342333832457412
https://www.pandora.com/station/3696939322510601412

YouTube en español https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztIImR8R1GIIM

Jarabe de Palo. Adelantando. DRO Atlantic, España, SA, 2007


Mercedes Sosa http://www.last.fm/music/Mercedes+Sosa

Bemberg, María Luisa. Yo, la peor de todas. First Run Features, 2003

Cremata Malbertí, Juan Carlos. Viva Cuba. Film Movement, 2005


Andrés Wood. Machuca. Tornasol Films, 2004

Cuarón, Alfonso, *Roma*. Netflix, 2018