

Spanish 240 II Requirements

Weekly activities

Learners will study listening strategies and practice applying them to the audiovisual and "live" presentations. Practice in note-taking and group discussions based on the listening texts will also be incorporated into activities. Required laboratory assignments will be based on audio and videotaped materials. Additional listening activities will be assigned from Internet sources, films, CD's etc. Use a good Spanish/English dictionary (mini dictionaries are not recommended) or access an [online dictionary](#) to complete coursework.

Additional practice

Spanish television broadcasts are offered at the Crane Cafe in Hagerty Hall. When appropriate broadcasts are scheduled, students will be informed of the dates and times and encouraged to watch. The *Department of Spanish and Portuguese* also invites you to participate in volunteer and job opportunities with organizations that are dedicated to the Hispanic/Latino community. Visit the [Resources](#) page for more information. If you would like to practice speaking Spanish in a small group setting, visit our Conversation Tables in the [Teaching and Learning Centers](#) (TLC).

Course Evaluation

Homework

20%

- **10%: On-line quizzes.** Quizzes are administered on-line through Carmen. Each of them takes about 5 to 20 minutes. Please note that for each quiz you will only be permitted to log on once. After the deadline for taking the quiz has elapsed, it's automatically switched off. Do not put it off to the last minute! Note: I will not remind you when you have a quiz due. It is your responsibility to keep up with the syllabus/calendar of the course and submit your work on time.
- **10%: Hojas de actividades** (Antes de ver, ¿Qué has entendido? ¿Qué dices ahora?, Después de ver); preguntas, etc. Homework will be assigned on a daily basis, and must be completed individually. Group homework submissions will not be accepted. Written assignments will be evaluated for accuracy, appropriate vocabulary, sentence structure, etc.

Three Exams

30%

Examinations will be hybrid in nature. Learners will listen and respond to unfamiliar texts, applying strategies previously studied in class. Response formats will include completion of information grids, objective responses, short answers, and short essays. Although the emphasis in Spanish 240 is listening comprehension, the grammar concepts presented in 101.01 – 104 will also be evaluated. Written exams will be evaluated for accuracy, appropriate vocabulary, sentence structure, etc.

Video Presentation

10%

Students will select or be assigned a specific topic to present to the class as an oral presentation (10 – 15 minutes). The student will research online a Spanish-language video that coincides with one of the five topics covered in class. The video should be approximately 2 minutes in length. It can be any type of video: news brief, sports commentary, music industry interview, etc. but must be suitable for a classroom presentation. R-rated material and/or music videos will not be approved.

Interview with Native Speaker

15%

In order to improve your speaking as well as listening skills, there will be a required interview with a native Spanish speaker. If the interviewee is **not** a native speaker, no credit will be given for the interview. We will brain-storm and practice interviewing techniques during the in-class session. Students will then construct their own interview questions and tape a 10 minute interview with a Spanish-speaker about a topic of your choice. While you may share your questions with the interviewee, his/her responses and your additional comments or questions must be unscripted. This taped interview will be the basis of individual speaking exams. Check the Interview Appointments page to verify your report date/time. If you miss your scheduled appointment, you must provide documentation as per the syllabus in order to reschedule.

Final Exam

25%

The final exam will cover themes 4 and 5. Response formats will include completion of information grids, objective responses, short answers, and short essays. Although the emphasis in Spanish 240 is listening comprehension, the grammar concepts presented in 101.01 – 104 will also be evaluated. Exams will be evaluated for accuracy, appropriate vocabulary, sentence structure, etc.

Grading Scale	
Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent
A	93 - 100
A-	90 - 92
B+	88 - 89

B	83 - 87
B-	80 - 82
C+	78 - 79
C	73 - 77
C-	70 - 72
D+	68 - 69
D	65 - 67
E	0 - 64.9