



Basic Course Information:

Spring 2023

Course Prefix/Number: SPAN 101

Course Title: Introduction to Spanish I

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AUK Mission Statement:

The American University of Kuwait is a liberal arts institution dedicated to teaching, learning, and scholarship. The University offers programs that provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for lifelong learning and professional success. AUK enriches society by fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking, effective communication, personal growth, service, and leadership.

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Catalog Course Description: This course is designed to provide students with the basic skills to communicate in Spanish. The class is taught almost entirely in Spanish by a communicative based language teaching approach. Students will engage with other classmates in class and exchange real-world information through meaning-based activities. This course aims to provide the student with practice in all four language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking), and a strong emphasis on cultural awareness.

SPAN 101 is designed only for beginners. Not previous experience is needed. Students with prior experience in the language or those who have completed Spanish classes in High school must take Spanish 102.

Course Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)
1. CLO1: Handle successfully a variety of basic <u>communicative tasks</u> such as introduce themselves, give and request personal information, describe themselves and others, talk about likes and dislikes, the family, etc.
2. CLO2: Develop <u>listening</u> and <u>reading</u> strategies, such as predicting content, recognizing cognates, guessing meaning from context.
3. CLO3: Acquire and handle new <u>vocabulary</u> on varied topic.
4. CLO4: Make short <u>presentations</u> and write short <u>paragraphs</u> in Spanish.
5. CLO5: Identify <u>cultural expressions</u> of the Spanish speaking world.

Course Delivery/Methodology:

For this course we will be meeting in-person three times per week and material will be presented through PowerPoints/videos/readings done ahead of time. All course material will be posted on Moodle. Assignments must also be submitted through Moodle or the *Campus Difusion* website. You will be completing the following evaluations for this course: short quizzes, oral exams, compositions, group work, exams, etc. To successfully complete this course, you must complete readings ahead of time, actively participate in class discussions, and do all the homework by the posted due dates and times.

Required Textbook/Required Readings:

Check the AUK bookstore to buy the ebook. You need to have the ebook by **February 16**.

- **GENTE HOY 1:** eTextbook and eWorkbook by *Difusión* Publisher. Use your **AUK email** when registering on the book site.
- Additional Online material (Moodle) and handouts.

Recommended/Supplemental Readings:

Check the class Instagram site: span_101

Evaluations and Grading:

Evaluation Type	Weight	Description
Homework	15%	Homework will be assigned both in <i>Campus Difusión</i> and <i>Moodle</i> .
Midterm	15%	No late homework will be accepted. Written / Cumulative <u>No make-up</u> will be allowed.
Assessments	20%	Weekly (every <u>Tuesday</u>): Quizzes, compositions, others (video, readings, etc.) There <u>won't</u> be make-up quizzes.
Final project	15%	No late work will be accepted.
Oral assessment 1 and 2	15% each	You will need to prepare a <u>presentation</u> / <u>dialogue</u> / <u>interview</u> and present it to the class at the middle and at the end of the term.
Participation	5%	Active participation / in class work

AUK Official Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage	University Points
A	94-100	4.0
A-	90-93	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	84-86	3.0
B-	80-83	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	74-76	2.0
C-	70-73	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	64-66	1.0
D-	60-63	0.7
F	0-59	0.0

AUK Attendance Policy:

Any student who misses more than 15% of class sessions of any course during a semester should expect to fail, unless she/he submits documented evidence to the course instructor of inpatient medical care, death of an immediate family member, academic instructional activities, or national athletic activities. If excused, students are required to satisfy all coursework due or assigned during their absence as determined by the course instructor. If a student does not submit documented evidence for her/his absence exceeding the limit, it is the student's responsibility to

withdraw from the course by the specified deadline, as indicated on the academic calendar. Students who withdraw from a course receive a grade of “W”. Students who do not withdraw from a course nor submit supporting documents for excessive absences will receive a grade of “FN” (failure for non-attendance).

Code of Academic Honesty and Integrity:

Upon admission to the American University of Kuwait, students agree to act responsibly in all areas of academic, personal and social conduct and to take full responsibility for their individual and collective action. Such regulations are found in the American University of Kuwait Catalogue, Student Handbook, and the AUK website at www.auk.edu.kw. Any question of interpretation regarding the code of academic honesty and Integrity shall be reported to the appropriate academic dean. The Code shall be reviewed annually at the discretion of the academic deans. Any student or student organization found to have committed the cited violations or misconduct, either on or off campus, is subject to the disciplinary sanctions outlined in adjudication procedures.

Plagiarism:

The term “plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, an attempt of an individual to claim the work of another as the product of his or her own thoughts regardless of whether that work has been published. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, quoting improperly or paraphrasing text or other written materials without proper citation on an exam, term paper, homework, or other written material submitted to an instructor as one’s own work. Plagiarism also includes handing in a paper to an instructor that was purchased from a term paper service or downloaded from the Internet and presenting another person’s academic work as one’s own.

Cheating:

The term “cheating” includes but is not limited to, copying homework assignments from another student; working together with another individual on a take-home test or homework when not approved by the instructor, looking at and/or copying text, notes or another person’s paper during an examination when not permitted to do so. Cheating also includes the giving of work information to another student to be copied and/or used as his or her own. This includes but is not limited to giving someone answers to exam questions either when the exam is being given or after having taken an exam; informing another student of specific questions that appear or have appeared on an exam in the same academic semester; giving or selling a term paper, report, project or other restricted written materials to another student.

Academic Support:

Learning Support Services focuses on empowering students to become independent and successful learners by developing their literacy skills, enhancing their understanding, and helping them improve their academic and study skills. Learning Support Services is comprised of two centers: the Tutoring Center and the Writing Center. The Tutoring Center provides free academic support in various subjects to AUK student. Email: tutoringcenter@auk.edu.kw.

The Writing Center provides multilingual support (English, Arabic, French, and Spanish) through individual or small-group consultations. Email: writingcenter@auk.edu.kw

Disability Accommodations:

AUK provides equal and inclusive educational environment in order to enable all students to meet and perform requisite academic standards and to participate in the opportunities and activities of its community. If you believe you can benefit from accommodations for a learning, physical, or mental health disability, [click here to book a session through the Counseling Center/Disability Services Booking Page](#), to ask about disability services at AUK, initiate an accommodation plan, or receive disability services. You can also email counseling@auk.edu.kw if you need assistance in booking a session.

Course Policies/Student Responsibilities:

- You will be given assignments to complete throughout the semester. Your assignments must be your own work and uploaded on Moodle or Campus Difusión by the deadline set by your instructor. **Late assignments will not be accepted by your instructor.**
- For the *Campus Difusión* homework you will have the chance to complete the assigned exercises twice, if you want to increase your grade. **The final grade for the Unit will be the average of the first and the last grade.**
- Homework is considered **individual** work. (Do not use google translator nor external help)
- It is your responsibility to **be prepared for every class** and to **actively participate**. Failure to do so will affect your grade.
- Class material will be periodically posted on Moodle. It is your responsibility to study this material before each class.
- There won't be any extra credit work in this class. There won't be a curve for the course.
- Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. Students who arrive after that will be mark late. It is essential that students are in class **on time**. Tardiness and leaving the class early will lower your grade.
- If you miss a class, you are responsible for the material covered and the work assigned.
- If needed, use the free tutoring services offered by the **Writing Center**. Arrange an appointment with **TutorTrac**.

Important note: Learning a new language requires a lot of memorization, practice and a positive predisposition. It requires a substantial amount of work and commitment from the student.

Late and Missing Work Policy: Late assignments will not be accepted by your instructor.

Make-Up Work Policy: No make-up quizzes or exams will be allowed.

Communication Policy:

Please be sure to use your official AUK email account, write your full name, and indicate which class and section you are taking when you send me an email. If you have a question, please check the syllabus first and if your question is not answered there, then please feel free to send an email and I will be happy to clarify. I respond to questions via email within 24 hours of receiving them;

if I do not respond within 24 hours, please re-send the email. Please note I normally respond during these working hours: 8am-5pm. Emails sent on weekends will be responded to on Sunday.

Technology Issues:

All assignments must be submitted through *Moodle* or *Campus Difusion Website*. However, you may experience trouble submitting an assignment due to technology or internet issues. If such a situation does arise and you are unable to submit your assignment through Moodle, please send me an email and include the **completed** assignment. Please make sure that you email me the assignment **before** the deadline as this documents that you did finish everything by the due date and time, but that you just had a technology issue. This will ensure that your assignment will be accepted, and you will not get a 0. Once the technology or internet issue is resolved, please upload the assignment to Moodle. In general, always be sure to frequently save your files and keep backups of your assignments.

Course Schedule:

Week	Topic	Assignments and Readings (See Moodle for weekly work)
1	Introduction to the class	Syllabus / Class introduction
2	Gente en clase	Unit 0
3	Gente que estudia español	Unit 1 / Campus Difusion Unit 1 HW due
4	Spring Break	University closed
5	Gente con gente	Unit 2
6	Gente con gente	Unit 2 (Cont.) / Campus Difusion Unit 2 HW due
7	Verbs – ar	Moodle
8	Verbs -er / -ir	Moodle
9	Midterm	Midterm Exam (Tuesday) Unit 0,1 & 2
10	Oral Exam 1	
11	Other verbs	Moodle
12	Eid	University closed
13	Gustar and other verbs	Moodle / Unit 3
14	Gente de vacaciones	Unit 3
15	Gente de vacaciones	Unit 3 (Cont.) / Campus Difusion Unit 3 HW due
16	Review / catch up week	Final Project due
17	Oral Exam 2	
18	Final Exam Week	No classes

Syllabus Changes:

There may be changes to the schedule and syllabus during the semester. When this happens, I will inform you. Check Moodle for weekly work and updates.

Moodle

- All your grades will be posted on **Moodle** and updated frequently.
- All the class content will be posted on **Moodle**.
- Homework and assessments should be uploaded on **Moodle** and **Campus Difusión**.