

Intermediate Spanish I
TCSU SPAN 130

A. Description

The focus of this course continues to be to teach culture and facilitate language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will continue to interact with authentic language in context. Content is expanded beyond "survival" needs of the immediate environment in order to express personal meaning and to apply different strategies and techniques to engage in casual conversation, express opinions and make suggestions on familiar topics, as well as some abstract issues and plans. Students demonstrate an increased awareness of cultural norms, values, and culturally relevant appropriate customs and events. Accuracy becomes quite high for high frequency structures and vocabulary but more complex discourse is still developing and requires a somewhat sympathetic listener or reader. Students will demonstrate the ability to think critically by analyzing linguistic structures and reflecting on and making cross-cultural comparisons.

B. Recommended Preparation

None Specified

C. Prerequisites

2nd semester Elementary Spanish or equivalent

D. Minimum Unit Requirement

4 semester units

E. Course Topics

1. Spanish language in context
2. Communication strategies and techniques appropriate for casual conversation and discussion of abstractions
3. Cultural norms, values, and culturally relevant appropriate customs and events
4. Speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills
5. Analysis of linguistic structures, including cross-cultural comparisons