

LSWDU1 Spanish Grade 12, University

General Course Information

Prerequisite: LSWCU1

Department: French and Modern Languages
Extra Help: By appointment with teacher

Material Required: 3-Ring binder, Notebook, Writing utensils

Course Description

This course prepares students for university studies in Spanish. Students will enhance their ability to use the language with clarity and precision, and will develop the language skills needed to engage in sustained conversations and discussions, understand and evaluate information, read diverse materials for both study and pleasure, and write clearly and effectively. Students will also have opportunities to add to their knowledge of the culture of countries where Spanish is spoken through the use of community resources and computer technology.

The course is organized into 4 strands:

- Oral Communication Speaking
- Oral Communication Listening
- Writing
- Reading

A detailed list of the course expectations can be found at http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/classiclang1112curr.pdf

Assessment and Evaluation

To promote student success, ongoing assessment and feedback will be given regularly to the students. A variety of assessment and evaluation strategies will be used in this course, including oral presentations, debates, unit tests, interviews, etc. Expectations will be evaluated based on the provincial curriculum expectations and the achievement levels outlined in the ministry document.

Expectations are organized into four categories of knowledge and skills. The categories and their corresponding weighting are as follows:

Knowledge and Understanding

Thinking

Communication

Application

Each student's final mark will be in the form of a percentage grade based on their achievement in the 4 strands indicated on the next page. The breakdown of the final mark is as follows:

Term Evaluation 70% Final Evaluation 30%

The final evaluation will be completed during the final 6 weeks of the course and may include a variety of summative activities including an exam, a presentation, a seminar, an essay or another writing assignment.

In addition to students' performance in the achievement categories, students will also be assessed on their performance in the following learning skills:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent Work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self-Regulation

Assessment and Evaluation, Continued



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For specific policies on assessment and evaluation, and academic honesty, please refer to *School Procedures* in the student agenda.

Oral Communication - Speaking
Oral Communication - Listening
Writing
Reading
25%
25%
25%

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Major Assignments

Major term evaluations may include:

- Tests
- Debates
- Interviews
- Quizzes

The final evaluation for this course will include:

- Listening Evaluation (5%)
- Speaking Evaluation (10%)
- Written Evaluation Exam and Culminating project (15%)

Department Policies

Late Assignments

Students must communicate with the teacher in advance if they anticipate that an assignment will be late. Different situations will require specific decisions based on professional judgment. Late assignments will not be accepted after the assignment has been taken up in class or the marked assignment has been returned.

Missed Evaluations

A student who misses an evaluation must submit, upon return to class, a parental/guardian note or a doctor's note detailing the reason for the absence. The student may have the opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency of learning expectations at a later date, at the teacher's discretion. This may or may not be in the same format as the original evaluation. The teacher will determine the time and form in which the evaluation will take place.