

University of Mississippi
Department of Modern Languages

Spanish 599
The Contemporary Spanish Speaking World

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Prerequisites: Absolute prerequisite for this course is Spanish 571.

E-mail:

The easiest way to get in touch with me is through e-mail. Please feel free to use it to set up an appointment or to seek clarification on something covered in class or in the reading you do at home. Please be advised that trouble with the network or the server is not an excuse for missing homework, not completing assignments, etc.

Text:

Doyle, Michael Scott, T. Bruce Fryer, and Ron Cere. *Exito comercial*. Boston: Cengage, 2011.

The following website is helpful in looking up words:

<http://www.wordreference.com>

Grading criteria:

Class Participation/homework	25%
Weekly presentations	50%
Final Project	25%

Class participation/homework:

You are required and expected to come to class prepared and ready to participate in the discussions and activities. It is expected that all homework exercises will be done prior to class and you are required to bring your books to class. Part of your participation grade includes attendance. If you are not in class, you are not participating.

Missing a class is no excuse for being unprepared for the next class. You are responsible for contacting the professor or another class member in order to get the assignment(s) that will be covered in class on the day following your absence. Failure to come to class prepared will result in a "0" for your Class Participation grade for that day.

Weekly presentations:

The weekly readings are quite long as are the activities that accompany them. All students are responsible for the readings and the activities, however students will be assigned to make an oral presentation that provides a synthesis of the weekly readings.

Final Project:

Each student will prepare a formal presentation on a Spanish-speaking country of his/her choice. More details on the presentation will be forthcoming, but it should include the following information:

- A. Nombre oficial del país, gentilicio, fiesta nacional.**
- B. Capital y otras ciudades y puertos principales.**
- C. Sistema de gobierno y jefe de gobierno/estado actual.**
- D. Area nacional en millas y en kilómetros cuadrados. Observaciones geográficas (topografía, clima, países vecinos, etc.).**
- E. Población actual (No. de habitantes), % de población urbana, promedio de edad.**
- F. Grupos étnicos y % de analfabetismo.**
- G. Moneda y tipo de cambio actual con el dólar (EUA); tasa media de inflación.**
- H. PIB, distribución de PIB (agricultura, industria, servicios) y PIB per cápita.**
- I. Principales industrias.**
- J. Principales productos y destinos (mercados) de exportación.**
- K. Principales productos de importación y proveedores. Balanza comercial.**
- L. Transporte (millas y kilómetros) de carreteras y % pavimentadas, vías férreas y aeropuertos. Mejor modo de viajar al país desde la ciudad donde Ud. vive. Modos de transporte durante la visita de negocios o la estancia.**
- M. Ejemplos de comidas y bebidas típicas, gestos típicos y cortesía**

Grading Scale:

100-93 A	89-88 B+	79-78 C+	69-68 D+	59-0 F
90-92A-	83-87 B	73-77 C	63-67 D	
	80-82 B-	70-72 C-	60-62 D-	

Disabilities:

It is the responsibility of any student with a disability who requests an accommodation to contact the Office of Student Disability Services (915-7128). SDS will then contact the professor through the student by means of an Instructor Notification of Classroom Accommodations form. The professor will then be happy to work with the student so that a reasonable accommodation of a disability can be made. No retroactive or replacement work will be allowed.

Course Calendar

23-27 de enero	págs. 2-7 págs. 11-12	Act. 1-2 Act. 1-5
30 de enero-3 de febrero	págs. 14-18 págs. 18-22	Act. 1-6; 1-7 Act. 1-8
6-10 de febrero	págs. 37-47 págs. 53-57	Act. 2-6 Act. 2-9
13-17 de febrero	págs. 70-79 págs. 84-86	Act. 3-6 Act. 3-9
20-24 de febrero	págs. 102-111 págs. 120-122	Act. 4-6 Act. 4-9
27 de febrero-2 de marzo	págs. 134-143 págs. 149-151	Act. 5-6 Act. 5-9
5-9 de marzo	págs. 165-174 págs. 181-183	Act. 6-6 Act. 6-9
19-23 de marzo	págs. 197-202	Act. 7-6
26-30 de marzo	págs. 228-237 págs. 261-271	Act. 8-6 Act. 9-6
2-6 de abril	págs. 292-298	Act. 10-6
9-13 de abril	págs. 322-331	Act. 11-6
16-20 de abril	págs. 356-367	Act. 12-6
23-27 de abril	págs. 395-406	Act. 13-6
30 de abril-4 de mayo	págs. 431-443 págs. 443-449	Act. 14-6 Act. 14-7