

# AP

# Spanish Language and Culture

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- Equivalent to a 1 semester college Spanish course
- May earn college credit with an AP exam score of 3, 4, or 5
- Students should have *successfully* completed Spanish 5 (exceptions *may* be made after student has been tested and evaluated )

## Course Themes

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course is structured around six global themes established by VDoE, ACTFL and College Board:

- Beauty and Aesthetics
- Contemporary Life
- Families and Communities
- Global Challenges
- Personal and Public Identities
- Science and Technology

Themes facilitate the integration of language, content, and culture and promote the use of the language in a variety of contexts. The themes may be combined, as they are interrelated.

## Assignments:

- Frequent computer use outside of class expected
- Read authentic texts & discuss
- Research projects & presentations
- Current events
- Frequent practice of authentic audio materials & discuss in class
- Work on writing and speaking strategies and techniques

## Expectations and workload:

- Practice on improving all four Spanish language skills in and outside class
- Daily homework - reading assignment
- Higher level vocabulary
- Positive attitude and willing to make mistakes

## Assessments Summative & Formative:

- Frequent vocabulary quizzes
- Group work & projects
- Individual work & projects
- Tests timed & modeled after the AP exam
- Practice exam taking strategies and techniques
- Constant evaluation of speaking, listening, writing, and reading & comprehension

## AP Exam:

- Given in May; 3 hours long
- Section I : 65 multiple choice questions
- Section II : Free Response; 8 prompts

## AP Spanish Language and Culture course overview:

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course emphasizes communication (understanding and being understood by others) by applying interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational skills in real-life situations. This includes vocabulary usage, language control, communication strategies, and cultural awareness. The AP Spanish Language and Culture course strives not to overemphasize grammatical accuracy at the expense of communication. To best facilitate the study of language and culture, the course is taught almost exclusively in Spanish. The AP Spanish Language and Culture course engages students in an exploration of culture in both contemporary and historical contexts. The course develops students' awareness and appreciation of cultural products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions).

*Those who know many languages live as many lives as the languages they know.*

*—Czech proverb*

**Structure of the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam:**

| Section                                      |  | Number of Questions | Percent of Final Score | Time                         |
|--|--|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Section I: Multiple Choice</b>            |  |                     |                        | <b>Approx. 95 minutes</b>    |
| Part A                                       | Interpretive Communication: Print Texts                      | 30 questions        | 50%                    | Approx. 40 minutes           |
| Part B                                       | Interpretive Communication: Print and Audio Texts (combined) | 35 questions        |                        | Approx. 55 minutes           |
|  | Interpretive Communication: Audio Texts                      |                     |                        |                              |
| <b>Section II: Free Response</b>             |  |                     |                        | <b>Approx. 85 minutes</b>    |
| Interpersonal Writing: Email Reply           |  | 1 prompt            | 50%                    | 15 minutes                   |
| Presentational Writing: Persuasive Essay     |  | 1 prompt            |                        | Approx. 55 minutes           |
| Interpersonal Speaking: Conversation         |  | 5 prompts           |                        | 20 seconds for each response |
| Presentational Speaking: Cultural Comparison |  | 1 prompt            |                        | 2 minutes to respond         |