

MISSOURI WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Dept. of English, Foreign Languages and Journalism
Spanish 310 - 01, Spanish Readings, Spring 2012

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Required Texts: *En contacto* novena edición, (Gill, Wegman, Méndez-Faith)

Course Objectives: This course offers students an opportunity to begin to analyze literature, (essays, short stories, short biographies, interviews, etc.) from a thematic approach. The study includes works from Spain and Latin America and incorporates different genres. The primary course objective is to improve the student's reading comprehension skills in the Spanish language and also to increase his or her vocabulary of Spanish. There will also be a speaking component to the class; or rather, there will be much pair/group/entire class discussion of the readings and vocabulary exercises, every student will be expected to actively participate (in Spanish) in these discussions!

Final Grade: Your final grade does not determine your worth as a human being nor does it pertain to my personal regard for you. It is a barometer of your performance both in and outside of class. Final grade evaluation is done according to the following components:

Grading components:

Attendance / Participation 10%
Homework assignments 40%
Exams 50%

Grading scale

A 90-100	D 60-70
B 80-90	F below 60
C 70-80	

Students' Responsibilities:

1. Attendance is required for all class sessions. You will be allowed **two (2) unexcused absences** during the semester. Each unexcused absence thereafter will result in the lowering of the your final grade by 2%. Only **documented absences (you must provide some type of written documentation!!)** due to medical problems or other legitimate situations that are genuine emergencies or that constitute excusable absences (please consult with instructor) will indeed be excused. All other absences will be considered unexcused. Furthermore, students are required to remain in the classroom for the entire 50 minutes. Except in the very rare instance of a genuine emergency anyone that leaves class before the class ends will be marked as absent for that day.

2. Make-up assignments and tests are possible only with the approval of the professor due to a **genuine emergency** or a **very excusable absence** on due date of assignment/day of exam.

3. Students are required to arrive to class on time.

4. Again, each and every student will be expected to actively participate in class discussions, activities. Speak up in class! Do not be afraid to express yourself in Spanish, no comment will be considered inappropriate or too simple!

Disability Policy: Any student in this course who has a disability that prevents the fullest expression of abilities should contact me personally as soon as possible so that we can discuss class requirements.

Although it is my intention to adhere to the course plan as fully as possible, I reserve the right to **modify the syllabus** based on unforeseen circumstances. Any changes to the syllabus will be announced in class and also via class e-mail.

HORARIO TENTATIVO

Primera semana (enero 18 - 20) Silabo, introducciones. *En contacto* capítulo 1
Segunda semana (enero 23 - 27) *En contacto* capítulo 1, 2
Tercera semana (enero 30, febrero 1 - 3) *En contacto* capítulo 2 **Examen** capítulos 1 - 2
Cuarta semana (febrero 6 - 10) *En contacto* capítulo 3
Quinta semana (febrero 13 - 17) *En contacto* capítulo 4
Feriado – 20 de febrero - President's Day
Sexta semana (febrero 22 - 24) *En contacto* capítulo 4 **Examen** capítulos 3 - 4
Séptima semana (febrero 27 – 29, marzo 2) *En contacto* capítulo 5
Octava semana (marzo 5 - 9) *En contacto* capítulo 5, 6
Novena semana (marzo 12 - 16) **Spring Break**
Décima semana (marzo 19 - 23) *En contacto* capítulo 6 **Examen** capítulos 5 - 6
Undécima semana (marzo 26 - 30) *En contacto* capítulo 7 **Friday - last day to withdraw**
Duodécima semana (abril 2 - 6) *En contacto* capítulo 7, 8
Décimotercera semana (abril 9 - 13) *En contacto* capítulo 8 **Examen** capítulos 7 - 8
Décimocuarta semana (abril 16 - 20) *En contacto* capítulo 10
Décimoquinta semana (abril 23 - 27) *En contacto* capítulo 11
30 de abril - último día de clases
Examen Final - capítulos 10, 11 (**miércoles, 2 de mayo, 11:30 - 1:20**)