

## SPANISH 4 & 5 COURSE DESCRIPTION 2024 - 2025

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### ➔ **Course Description -**

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Discuss current events in Spanish-speaking countries.
2. Communicate in Spanish using interpretive, interpersonal and presentational modes.
3. Use a variety of media, journals, literary works, podcasts, interviews, etc... to research current events.
4. Write well-structured business emails and expository essays in Spanish.
5. Explain/compare how these major themes are represented in various Spanish-speaking countries:
  - Las familias y las comunidades
  - La ciencia y la tecnología
  - La belleza y la estética
  - La vida contemporánea
  - Los desafíos mundiales
  - Las identidades personales y públicas

### ➔ **Procedures**

- A. **Grading:** You will earn points for the following course elements, some will be **completed online** in **Google Classroom**.



**Quizzes** – Frequent. Most are announced in advance.

**Presentations** – Individually or in groups.

**Class participation** (discussions) – Based on exclusive use of Spanish. Speaking the language increases fluidity and accuracy. Risk-taking is rewarded. The goal is communication, not the grammar.


**Essays** – Throughout the course, you will write a variety of emails and essays.


### ➔ **B. Attendance:**

Students will be participating in many discussions that cannot be made up. For most students, class time is the only time that they speak in Spanish. Attendance is considered part of your active participation, which is a significant part of your final grade.

It is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed and to schedule times with the teacher to make up work. If you are absent on the day of a quiz or test, you are expected to make up the work the day that you return. Tests and quizzes can be made up before school.

➔ **C. Cheating:** Cheating, plagiarizing and the use of online translators of any kind will not be tolerated. The penalty for anyone caught cheating or attempting to cheat, whether by giving or receiving information will be given a zero for that assignment, quiz, test or project. Parents or guardians will also be notified. See the Student handbook for policies and consequences.

 **D. Cellphones:** All cellphones and smartwatches must be inside your backpack during class. You will get 2 warnings before a referral is written if I see your phone. Backpacks will be kept in front of the room if these items are too distracting and you cannot keep them in your backpack, This is to help you concentrate and get an A!

 **E. Teacher availability:** The teacher will usually be available before school. Please feel free to arrange an appointment if you need assistance.

### **Resources / Fuentes confiables para los artículos:**

#### **AUTHENTIC TV NEWS BROADCASTS**

Univisión *Al Punto*

Univisión *Primer Impacto*

Noticias, Univisión, Telemundo, etc...

Corporación Radiotelevisión Española – [www.rtve.es](http://www.rtve.es)

#### **AUTHENTIC NEWSPAPERS**

El País – [www.elpais.com](http://www.elpais.com)

El Mundo – [www.elmundo.es](http://www.elmundo.es)

Prensa Escrita – [www.prensaescrita.com](http://www.prensaescrita.com)

Latin American Network Information Center –

<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/news/indexesp.html>

#### **AUTHENTIC MAGAZINES**

*Américas* Organization of American States, Washington D.C.

*Vanidades*

*Muy Interesante*

#### **WEBSITES**

Audiria – [www.audiria.com](http://www.audiria.com)

BBC Mundo – [www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish)

Nuevos Horizontes – [www.nuevos horizontes.org](http://www.nuevos horizontes.org)

Univisión – [www.univision.com](http://www.univision.com)

Tierra América – [www.tierramerica.info](http://www.tierramerica.info)