

Spanish 3303-001 Salón: ARCH 404 Spring 2014 Lunes, miércoles y viernes: 11:00-11:50 a.m.	Profesor: Ignacio Ruiz-Pérez Oficina: Hammond Hall 319 Horas de oficina: Lunes, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. (o por cita) E-mail: iruiz@uta.edu
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Conversación avanzada

Propuesta del curso:

Este curso está diseñado para que el estudiante mejore su competencia oral, crítica y argumentativa en lengua española. Asimismo, el curso pasa revista a diversos aspectos gramaticales al tiempo que refuerza la práctica de la lectura y la comprensión auditiva del alumno. Para tales efectos, el curso incluye lecturas y temas de actualidad que tienen por finalidad potenciar la conversación oral y el pensamiento crítico-analítico del alumno. En el transcurso del semestre se proyectarán algunas películas cuyo objeto es contextualizar los temas de conversación en el ámbito cultural del mundo hispano.

IMPORTANTE: Este curso no está diseñado para los hablantes nativos de español.

Catalog's Description: SPAN 3303 ADVANCED SPANISH CONVERSATION (3-0) Practice in oral expression with an emphasis on vocabulary building and grammar review. Of special interest to students who wish to improve their skills in pronunciation, comprehension, and oral expression. Credit will not be granted to native or heritage speakers of Spanish. Prerequisite: SPAN 2314 with a grade of C or better.

Objetivos:

1. Mejorar el desempeño en diversos aspectos gramaticales como la diferencia entre el indicativo/subjuntivo, la voz pasiva, el empleo de preposiciones y los usos de ser/estar.
2. Aprender nuevo vocabulario en español y potenciar su uso en la conversación.
3. Desarrollar la competencia oral, crítica y argumentativa en lengua española a través de temas de actualidad.

Textos requeridos:

Iorillo, Nino R., et al. *Conversación y controversia. Tópicos de hoy y de siempre*. 6ª ed. Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 2011.

Material en Internet.

Películas relacionadas con algunos de los temas del curso.

Mecánica del curso y tareas:

Las clases se dividirán (excepto la primera, los días de examen y cuando se exhiban los videos) de la siguiente forma:

Distribución de la nota:

- a) Participación: 40%
- b) Pruebas (gramática/vocabulario): 15%
- c) Presentaciones (2): 20%
- d) Entrevistas orales (2): 25%

OJO:

1) La asistencia es un componente básico del curso. Después de la 2ª falta se procederá a eliminar sin distinciones el 1.5% de la calificación final por cada falta a menos que el alumno cuente con un justificante válido y oficial. La puntualidad es necesaria, por lo que habrá un periodo de tolerancia de 10 minutos, tras el cual el alumno podrá solicitar su ingreso pero no tendrá derecho a asistencia. En cuanto a las participaciones, estas tienen por objeto coadyuvar al desarrollo de la competencia lógico-verbal del alumno.

2) El alumno es responsable de su nota en el transcurso del semestre así como de buscar la orientación correspondiente si su desempeño está por debajo de los estándares académicos.

3) Para dar de baja la clase bajo la categoría "incomplete" el/la alumno/a deberá presentar un justificante válido y completar un mínimo del 75% del trabajo de la materia.

4) Las tareas asignadas son responsabilidad del alumno. **NO** se aceptarán tareas a mano, vía mail (archivo electrónico) ni después del plazo indicado. Las lecturas y los videos son requisitos del curso, por lo que habrá pruebas aleatorias para verificar que hayan sido realizadas/vistas.

5) Algunos trabajos deberán subirse a Blackboard según instrucción previa del profesor. Todas las tareas asignadas en esta herramienta vencen a las 11:00 a.m. del día especificado, lo cual significa que **los trabajos asignados deben subirse con suficiente antelación. Una vez cerrado el sistema todo documento que no sea recibido a tiempo tendrá automáticamente un "0"**. Cursillo de orientación sobre Blackboard:

http://ondemand.blackboard.com/r91/movies/bb91_student_submit_assignment.htm

6) No se proporcionarán exámenes antes ni después de las fechas indicadas a menos que exista un justificante probatorio oficial y debidamente sellado.

7) En esta clase **no se tolerará ningún tipo de deshonestidad académica**. El/la alumno/a que incurra en un acto de esta naturaleza reprobará automáticamente el trabajo o el examen, y será consignado ante las autoridades universitarias correspondientes. Para evitar cualquier equívoco, es un requisito de esta clase que el/la estudiante realice el cursillo sobre "Deshonestidad académica" disponible en Blackboard.

8) Se pide no traer computadoras ni grabar las clases a menos que se cuente con documentación oficial de la Universidad. Como medida de cortesía, se solicita asimismo silenciar los teléfonos celulares antes de cada sesión.

9) Toda información relacionada con el curso se comunicará a través de MavMail, por lo que se pide que el/la alumno/a revise con frecuencia su buzón de correo. Para mayor información sobre MavMail, se sugiere consultar la siguiente página: <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>. **OJO:** Al contactar al instructor se pide usar las formulas mínimas de cortesía. El profesor se reserva el derecho de responder cualquier mensaje que no sea relevante para la clase o que no se apegue a las normas de cortesía.

***Este documento es un contrato, por lo que la permanencia en la clase significa el total entendimiento y la aceptación del programa del curso.**

MUY IMPORTANTE:

Grade Grievances: Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current undergraduate catalog. http://www.uta.edu/catalog/content/general/academic_regulations.aspx#10

Expectations for Out-of-Class Study: Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional 9 hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, etc.

Attendance and Participation Policy: Attendance is mandatory. After the second absence the student's grade will be lowered 1.5% for each absence. Participation is mandatory; if the student doesn't participate on a daily basis his/her grade will be affected significantly.

Common Courtesy: Please do not enter class late. Every tardy (10 minutes late) will count as one absence. Please, turn off your cell phone and do not use your personal computer during the class.

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.uta.edu/ses/fao>). Last day to drop classes for Spring 14 is ---.

Make-up Exam Policy: There are no make-up exams.

Americans With Disabilities Act: The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic

accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

Academic Integrity: All students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington's tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

Instructors may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents' Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the University.

Student Support Services: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at www.uta.edu/resources.

Electronic Communication: UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory shall be directed to complete a Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week: A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review

Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

Librarian to Contact: Jody Bailey. She can be reached at jbailey@uta.edu.

This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the professor.