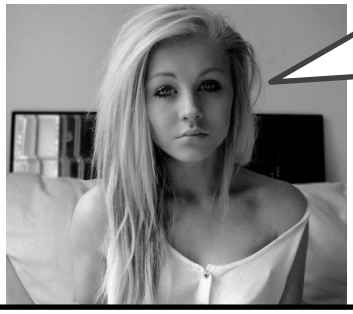
Español AP

I already speak Spanish perfectly at home. Should I even bother taking this class?



OMG, everybody in this class already speaks Spanish. Am I in the right place?

The answer to your question is YES because…

This course is equivalent to a third year college course in Advanced Spanish language skills. We speak exclusively Spanish and use authentic materials from many countries. A significant portion of the course prepares students to speak and write on academic topics. Among the topics we will examine include: how changes in technology may help or hurt people, a debate on climate change and other environmental issues, the do´s and don´ts of dating in other countries, the roots of our own identity, traditional and contemporary gender roles, architecture and what it tells us about a place, the struggle of migrant farmworkers in the US, celebrations throughout the Spanish-speaking world, indigenous approaches to health care, endangered species, regional dialects and many more topics. The full syllabus submitted to the College Board is fifteen pages long; if you are curious you can download the whole thing from our edmodo class page!

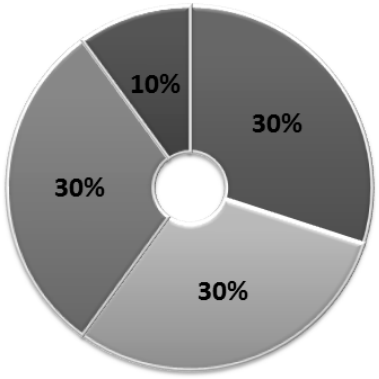
You must speak only Spanish in class

3 points will be subtracted from your overall grade each time you speak English in class. YOU WILL FAIL if you speak English even once a week.

Going to miss class?

Since speaking and listening in class is a big part of your grade, you must make up absences within two weeks by coming to a lunch conversation group. **Even excused absences must be made up.** When absent a ZERO will be added to your grades; after 2 weeks the zero will become permanent.

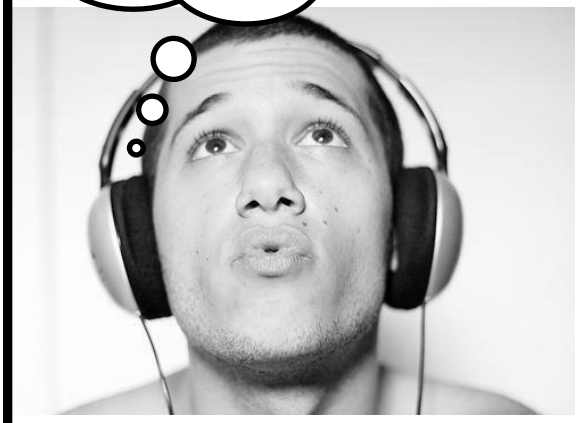
Your grade is based on:



- Interpretive skills, like reading and listening
- Interpersonal communication, like class discussions
- Presentational communication, like essays and speeches
- Midterm and Final portfolio

What does a normal AP unit look like?

Expect to listen to podcasts at home 3-4 times per week



First day:
Introduce theme of unit and essential question
Brainstorm
Initial discussions

Next 5-8 days:
Explore theme through newspaper and magazine articles, short fiction, videos, podcasts, parts of films...

there are one or two formal debates and discussions per unit. Students receive a grade based on their contributions

last 1-3 days:
students complete individual research on something brought up in class to prepare for their formal presentations

Two presentations per semester must be given in class; the rest can be recorded

Students write a formal essay in class responding to the essential question of the unit

And expect to read at home every day

What do you need to do NOW?

1

Go to edmodo.com and join our class
our group code is:

2 **and get two notebooks**

One notebook to bring to class

One notebook to keep at home as a reading-listening journal; pass it in at the end of the unit