

## Elementary Spanish I

Spanish 0100 is a first-semester language course that emphasizes the development of foundational listening, speaking, reading and writing skills while exploring the rich cultural mosaic of the Spanish-speaking world. Through listening activities and videotaped interviews with native speakers, your aural and oral abilities will improve at the same time that you will become familiarized with different varieties of standard spoken Spanish. You will be given ample opportunities to practice orally and in writing so that you can reinforce newly acquired vocabulary and grammatical structures. Reading strategies will facilitate your comprehension of the texts included in the course syllabus. Readings focused on a specific country or region, visual items (such as maps, photos, films) and a class project will advance your knowledge of Hispanic cultural practices and products while increasing your intercultural competence. Conducted in Spanish, this learner-centered course class will provide you with guided practice before moving to more independent and spontaneous language production. Working in small groups and in pairs, you will participate in class activities that simulate real-life situations that will help you gain confidence communicating in Spanish.

### Class Structure for Fall 2023:

- In-person sessions planned for the Fall 2023 semester.
- You are expected to study grammar lessons, practice conjugations, memorize vocabulary, and complete any assigned exercises in writing before coming to class. That preparation will be essential for our in-class interactions, which will be conversational in nature.
- On average, you are expected to do about an hour of work outside the classroom for each hour in the classroom. Homework activities might include the use of our main platform (*MySpanishLab*), as well as discussion boards, videos, and/or other different activities.

### Outline of Grades:

**Class Attendance & Active Participation (15%):** This grade includes daily attendance and 3 participation grades given throughout the semester. You are expected to prepare the material before class, and actively participate in groups and individually in every session.

**Daily Work (20%):** This grade includes assignments inside and outside of class, as well as online activities using MyLabSpanish and Canvas.

**Oral Exams (15%):** Throughout the semester, there will be two (2) oral exams during class time.

**Exams (25%):** Throughout the semester, there will be four (4) exams that will cover different aspects of the material.

**In-class writing assignments (10%):** Throughout the semester, there will be two (2) in-class writing assignments.

**Final Project (15%):** This grade includes a final individual and/or group presentation about a topic related to the class material.

**Required materials:** Access code to the Pearson MyLab platform and *Mosaicos: Spanish as a World Language* 7th ed. e-book (access to e-book is granted through the platform).