

School of Arts & Sciences PROSPECTUS

Course ID and 3-digit Number: SPAN-1005

Status: This course will meet in person 2 days a week.

Course Description and Level: Advanced Spanish Language for Medical Professionals. This course is designed to develop students' communicative abilities in Spanish as well as their knowledge of Hispanic cultures and societies, especially with regard to the healthcare environment. The course content is geared towards students interested in medicine or the health sciences in general, with readings and specialized vocabulary designed for a healthcare context. Students practice communication through speaking, listening, reading, and some writing. All activities are highly interactive; in the classroom, they focus mainly on speaking and listening, while reading and writing are practiced more while completing homework. Students **must have fulfilled the language requirement** (i.e., completion of or credit for SPAN 0400 [formerly 140] or SPAN 0405 [formerly 145]) in order to enroll in this course. You may take it instead of SPAN 1000 (formerly 202), but you can also still take it for credit even if you have already taken SPAN 1000.

Course Structure for Spring 2025

- SPAN 1005 will be taught in person.
- Preparation for any given class day typically involves studying the assigned vocabulary and reading and responding to any associated reading assignments. On grammar review days, there will be grammar explanations and practice exercises to complete rather than studying vocabulary and readings.
- In class, through practicing the vocabulary and discussing readings and authentic materials on contemporary health issues, students will acquire the vocabulary and grammatical structures needed to discuss a wide array of topics pertaining to the health-related professions and to healthcare issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino community. Two short oral presentations during the semester and a poster session at semester's end will complement topics covered in class. The poster session is the only written assignment (other than regular homework) to be completed outside of class.
- The due dates for assignments and exams will be detailed in the course syllabus.

Assessments and Grading Policy

Preparation/Participation	25%
Brief Oral Reports (2)	20%
Written Exams (3)	40%
Poster Session	15%

Required Book (still under consideration)

Most likely: Muñoz Sánchez, Alicia, and Natalia Santamaría Laorden. *Spanish for Health Care and Human Services*. Cognella, 2022. Available in both print and e-book formats, with additional activities available through their website.

Possible: Ortega, Pilar, MD. *Spanish and the Medical Interview: A Textbook for Clinically Relevant Medical Spanish*, 2nd ed. Elsevier, 2016.

All other course materials will be available through Canvas.