Course Expectations Letter

Subject: SPAN 131 (instructor Mariano Zaro)

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Catalog Course Description:
SPAN 131
Spanish for Heritage Speakers II

Prerequisite: SPAN 130 with a grade of “C” or better. Transfers to: UC (credit limit*), CSU (*Students will receive credit from UC for only one of the following sequences of courses: SPAN 101 and SPAN 102 or SPAN 130 and SPAN 131)

This course is a continuation of SPAN 130. It is designed to further improve the language skills of students with a Spanish language background. Emphasis will continue to be placed on the improvement of reading and writing skills, focusing especially on accent marks and spelling. Aspects of the culture and civilization of Spanish speakers will be included in the readings of the literature of Spanish speaking countries. This course is intended for students who are native speakers of Spanish.

3 Units

Student Learning Outcomes:
Using critical thinking skills, students will be able to read and analyze essays for their theses and content, as well as write well-constructed essays using planned language (thesis, supporting essay structure). Students will be able to answer questions orally using essay structure as well. Furthermore, students will be able to show improvement in their Spanish language structure and usage, including problematic areas such as common spelling errors, standard vs. non-standard Spanish language, use of accent marks, and punctuation, among other topics.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in BP 5500 (Standards of Conduct) and AP 5520 (Student Conduct Procedures) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is NOT a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

• Weekly (or more frequent) announcements posted in Canvas.
• E-mails to the entire class about important dates and assignments.
• One-on one e-mail contact as needed by individual student.
• On campus office hours are also available.  

_The instructor may drop you for non-participation._

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientations can be found at: [http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/](http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/)

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](http://www.riohondo.edu/programs-and-services/disability-services/) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

_Modifications and Disclaimer:_ The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.