

San José State University
World Languages and Literatures
Course # 28124, SPAN 4B - Intermediate Spanish (online)
Section 80, Spring 2018

Course and Contact Information

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Class Days/Time:	(There are no regular meetings times; exercises/exams are done online)
Classroom:	(There are no regular meetings times; exercises/exams are done online)
Prerequisites:	SPAN 4A, or 2nd-semester equivalency (intermediate reading, writing, listening in Spanish)
Online <u>Plazas</u> course code:	<i>XXJ778</i>

Online Course Format

This class will not have regular meetings; students are expected to use a computer, connected to the Internet, to do all homework exercises and exams online, per the Important Dates (below). Computer requirements include, besides a reliable connection to the Internet, functioning speakers for the exercises that require playing audio or video clips. It is also recommended that the student have more than one browser type (Mozilla, Chrome, Internet Explorer/Edge, Safari, etc.), in case one type fails on a few specific online exercises that require audio or video playback. Access to the online homework exercises and the online textbook will be done through the Plazas website (see below for more instructions).

Students are welcome to use the computers in the computer labs on the first floor of Clark Building, in the WLL Media Center (Clark Building 208), in the MLK Library or at any other facilities that offers computer lab access to students.

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

The online [Canvas learning management system](#) will only be used to publish this syllabus. You are responsible for regularly checking your emails for any updates or reminders. **Ensure that your email address registered in [MySJSU](http://my.sjsu.edu) (http://my.sjsu.edu) is active and valid.**

Course Description

This all-online intermediate Spanish class will use the online textbook website [Plazas - Lugar de encuentros](https://hlc.quia.com/books) (<https://hlc.quia.com/books>), an innovative Spanish online program for students who want to understand

general intermediate Spanish for use in their community or place of work. It stresses the features of Spanish needed for everyday reading, writing, and listening, and it encourages students to apply their new knowledge in their daily lives. The [Plazas](#) program includes online textbook, workbook (eSAM-electronic Student Activities Manual), and various other online resources to aid in the learning process.

This SPAN 4B class requires that you know basic Spanish, including basic vocabulary and present tense of basic verbs (*por ejemplo: tú estudias mejor en casa; (yo) voy a bailar el próximo sábado; yo siempre hablo español con la familia; José y Juana no entienden este capítulo; (yo) sé nadar bien; ¿A qué hora es el concierto?; etc.*)

This class does not normally meet your General Education requirements, and usually does not count toward any major. Check with your academic major advisor for more details.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Develop intermediate reading, writing, and listening skills in the Spanish language*
2. Foster students' understanding and appreciation of Hispanic (Spanish-speaking) cultures
3. Be aware of the important role Spanish language plays today in the economy and society of the United States and of the Americas

* NOTE: Because this is an online class with no instructor-led regular lectures, the student is encouraged to periodically set up a time with the instructor or classmates to practice Spanish speaking and general conversation.

Required Texts/Readings

Online Textbook and Workbook (eSAM)

Hershberger, Navey-Davis, Borrás A. *PLAZAS - Lugar de encuentros* (5th ed.) Thomson/Heinle
(Instant Access book key required; see ordering information below)

- Requires "Instant Access" online Book Key/code for [Plazas](#) (formerly called Quia book key). This gives you access to the online textbook and online workbook/eSAM (electronic Student Activities Manual) exercises, assigned as homework per the Calendar (below)
- Besides the required online textbook pages and eSAM exercises, the book package includes an audio-enhanced eBook, Companion videos, and other supplementary info

Ordering Information

NOTE: If you still have an active *PLAZAS* 4th edition online access, perhaps from previous semesters, please contact the instructor.

Since the homework assignments (detailed in the [Plazas](#) website Calendar) will be done and submitted online, only the Instant Access (iLrn) online book key is required. This book key will also give you online access (for 24 months) to all the textbook and SAM (Student Activities Manual) pages, so you will have all the necessary grammatical, vocabulary, cultural explanations and readings, including the SAM exercises assigned as homework. Hence, the physical/print copy of the textbook may be useful for future reference, but is not mandatory for this class.

Order directly from the Cengage publisher's Microsite website:

<http://www.cengagebrain.com/course/2577863>

1) ***Custom ILRN Instant Access for Plazas 5e:180 days, 5th edition*** (NOTE: this option expires in 6 months) (This option will only last 6 months. Only select and purchase this option if you do NOT plan to take another semester. If you buy this option and plan to take SPAN4B, or SPAN 4A again, you will wind up paying more .)

AUTHORS: Hershberger/Navey-Davis/Guiomar

ISBN-10: 1-305-82246-3

ISBN-13: 978-1-305-82246-7

\$93.00 (USD)

Again, this option above will only last one semester (6 months); only purchase this option if you absolutely do not intend to take another SPAN 4A or 4B class.

OR

2) ***Printed Text + iLrn™; 4 term (24 months) Instant Access; 5th Edition***

AUTHORS: Hershberger/Navey-Davis/Guiomar

ISBN-10: 1-337-08740-8

ISBN-13: 978-1-337-08740-7

\$130.23 (USD)

If you prefer to have the actual, physical textbook in hand, in addition to the online access, this is the best option for its value. This way, you can keep the physical book as a future study reference. (Remember that the online access is good for 24 months.)

OR

3) ***iLrn™ Language Learning Center; 4 term (24 months) Instant Access; 5th Edition***

AUTHORS: Hershberger/Navey-Davis/Borrás A.

ISBN-10: 1-305-65247-9

ISBN-13: 978-1-305-65247-7

\$122.40 (USD)

This gives you all the online access you need (textbook, exercises, extra resources); online access will last 24 months.

To purchase, elect one of three choices above, by clicking on the option you wish to buy (to the right, click on the "Add to Cart" for the package you want). Then, go to "Secure Checkout" and "Create a New Account" to create a Cengage purchase account, and fill out all the requested purchasing information.

Note on Purchasing from the Bookstore: The cost of book packages from SJSU's Spartan Bookstore would be much higher (\$175 and up).

Other Information/Instructions

Getting Started - Accessing the Plazas online content (after purchasing the iLrn Book Key code):

Below are instructions on setting up an account and registering into this Plazas program in order to access the textbook, assignments calendar, homework (eSAM) exercises, and other practice resources.

Creating a Heinle Learning Center Account (required, to access your online Textbook and eSAM)

If you do not already have an HLC account, you need to create one. To do so, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://ilrn.heinle.com> and click **LOGIN**.
2. Click the **Create account** button.
3. Select a username and password and enter your information, then click **Submit**.

Note: Remember your username and password, and be sure to select the correct time zone. Also, please enter a valid e-mail address so the password can be recovered if you forget it.

Entering the Book Key and Course Code (after creating an HLC account)

Once you have your account username/password and are logged in, under your home page "My Workstation," enter the course code (XXJ778) and also the unique online Book Key code that came with your package. Click on "Go" when done. You should be able to see this class: "*SPAN 4B - INTERMEDIATE Spanish - S'18 - Aurelio Dias-Ferreira*"

Plazas Technical Support/Tips

For technical support with the Plazas account or incompatibility issues, please contact a Cengage/Heinle publisher rep: [1-800-354-9706](tel:1-800-354-9706) or <http://www.cengage.com/contact/>.

Before contacting for help, where applicable, try a different computer or computer type (Mac, PC, etc.) or a different browser type (Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Mac Safari, etc.). Also, try rebooting the computer once to see if the technical problem clears itself. Doing this will help narrow down the technical issue for the technical support team. Also, for the audio/video exercises, please test out your speakers ahead of time (before doing the homework).

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including reading the textbook pages in preparation for the course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-3.pdf>.

Required Check-in

Although there are no regular meetings, you must send the instructor an email or drop by the instructor's office for a brief introduction (who you are, why you are taking this class, what your knowledge of Spanish is so far, if you want to remain in the class, etc.). Many students never check in, never do any work throughout the semester, and consequently will receive a failing grade at the end of the semester. **Please initiate this introductory communication with the instructor by February 5th.**

Homework (online WB and LM exercises from eSAM):

For each chapter, there will be Workbook (WB) and Lab Manual (LM) online "Activities"/exercises, to be done and submitted via the the Plazas website (<http://hlc.quia.com/books>). For full homework credit, you need to complete at least 90% of the questions (i.e. on average, you can skip 1 out of every 10 questions, but it is recommendable that you skip those few online exercises that may be giving you technical/audio/video difficulties). Do not skip any homework chapters (i.e. for SPAN 4B, you are expected to work on the assigned WB and LM exercises for chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7).

Do not procrastinate and do not do your homework all on the due date. Although the homework is due the day before you can take the exam, you should still do your homework a little at a time, as you progress through the chapter. Do not leave the homework or your studying for the last day.

Exams:

Spanish 4B (intermediate/2nd-semester Spanish) will cover Capítulos/Chapters: 4, 5, 6, 7

There will be four exams in the semester, to assess that you have learned the proper vocabulary, language structures (grammar), overall reading/listening comprehension, and basic writing, as well as some general cultural facts (all focused on the chapter's material).

All exams, like the homework, are accessible online from the Plazas website: <http://hlc.quia.com/books>

Each chapter exam will be somewhat cumulative, with much emphasis on the new material from the chapter you are currently on. Although the lowest exam score will be dropped, students should take all the exams and must not skip any homework chapter.

All exams can be taken online from any reliable Internet connection OR can be take in the World Languages & Literatures (WLL) Media Center, Clark Hall 208, during its hours of operation. Exams are to be taken on the dates indicated at the bottom of this greensheet and in the Plazas online Calendar. Do your own work throughout the semester; the instructor can usually tell if the submitted work was done by a student with higher mastery of the Spanish language.

Cultural Project (interview or article commentary):

There will also be a cultural interview or written reflection on an article (details will be sent midway into the semester).

Extra Credit:

There will be a brief (5 minute) optional, extra credit oral/interview exercise (for up to 1% extra per chapter). It will include a few practical questions from the material presented in the chapter. Contact the instructor to get sample questions ahead of time. You must set up an appointment with the instructor to do this oral interview.

Additionally, you can optionally type an essay (of one double-spaced page, for up to 1% extra per chapter) in Spanish on an instructor-approved cultural topic related to each covered chapter. The essay must include a (a) summary of the topic, (b) personal opinion/reaction and, if applicable, suggestions for improvement related to the topic. You must get the topic approved by the instructor beforehand.

Final Examination or Evaluation

Failure to take the Final Exam will result in an F in the course. Also, any form of cheating on the exams will also constitute in a failed grade for the class. Final exam date and time is indicated at the bottom of this greensheet.

Grading Policy

This is a letter-graded course. Credit/No-credit option is allowed for only some students (See the Schedule of Classes and/or talk to your academic advisor).

The final grade will be calculated according to the work done on exams and assigned online homework exercises (all taken on the *Plazas* website, due by the dates on the Calendar):

- Four exams: chapters 4, 5, 6, 7 (done online): 45 points (%)
(The lowest of the four will not count)
- Final cumulative exam score (done online) 20 points (%)
- Workbook/Lab Manual Homework (done online) 25 points (%)
- Reflection paper on article OR Cultural interview (submitted via email) 10 points (%)
(Details to be given halfway into semester)
- TOTAL 100 points (%)
- + Extra Credit (oral & written) max. extra: 8 points (%)

Note that “All students have the right, within a reasonable time, to know their academic scores, to review their grade-dependent work, and to be provided with explanations for the determination of their course grades.” See [University Policy F13-1](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-1.pdf) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F13-1.pdf> for more details.

Grading scale:

94 - 100% A	89 - 87% B+	79 - 77 C+	69 - 67% D+	59 - 0% F
93 - 90 % A-	86 - 84% B	76 - 74 C	66 - 64% D	
	83 - 80% B-	73 - 70 C-	63 - 60% D-	

At any time throughout the semester, you can **email the instructor to find out the current grade.**

Class Protocol

You are expected to keep up with the due dates, per the Calendar (below), and to email the instructor if you need help. As with any class, do not engage in any dishonest conduct, such as having a native speaker do any work for you. Keep in mind that the instructor can usually tell if someone else, with more knowledge of more advanced grammatical forms, is doing the class work for you.

For the online exams, you may use the book to quickly check over material during the online exams, but keep in mind that there is not much time to check over your answers. Also, use caution not to close the window or leave the computer unattended for long, as the online exam may time out.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

SPAN 4B, Intermediate Spanish Online, Spring 2018, Important Dates

Course Schedule - important due dates

Brief check-in with instructor	Email instructor with a brief intro by Feb. 4th Note: Last day to drop: Feb. 5th
Chapter/Capítulo 4	Take exam online February 16th, 17th, or 18th
Chapter/Capítulo 5	Take exam online March 16th, 17th, or 18th
Chapter/Capítulo 6	Take exam online April 13th, 14th, or 15th

Write-up (Cultural Project)	Submit in Canvas by week of April 30th
Chapter/Capítulo 7	Take exam online May 11th, 12th, or 13th
FINAL EXAM (cumulative) / EXAMEN FINAL (cumulativo)	Cumulative final (chapters 4, 5, 6, 7) Take final exam online, at anytime, between May 14th and May 23rd All extra credit is due by May 23rd