



CIEE Alicante, Spain

Course title:	Advanced Spanish Grammar
Course code:	SPAN 4001 ALIL
Programs offering course:	Summer Alicante Intensive Spanish Language
Language of instruction:	Spanish
U.S. semester credits:	3
Contact hours:	45
Term:	Summer 2020

Course Description

This course is designed to meet the needs of students who, having reached the advanced level of Spanish and need to further their skills in reading comprehension and writing production. The course makes use of a variety of contemporary registers, from the very colloquial to the more stylish ones. Special attention is paid to the more complex grammar structures used in everyday life in real Spanish. The purpose of this course is to provide students with the necessary tools to produce statements in any of the varieties of language that a native speaker uses in particular social contexts.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Check the grammar and structures of standard Spanish, both formal and colloquial.
- Familiarization of students with more complex aspects of Spanish grammar with special emphasis on all uses of the subjunctive.
- Identify and avoid common grammatical errors in the use of Spanish by native and non-native speakers.
- Understand and correctly produce written texts and spoken discourse free from interference from English.

Course Prerequisites

None.

Methods of Instruction

Classes will be mainly theoretical and will imply practical exercises by the students. Theoretical concepts about different Spanish concepts and structures will be shown in the classroom as well as videos, audio materials and Power Point presentations

Assessment and Final Grade

1.	Quiz	20%
2.	Midterm	30%
3.	Final Exam	40%
4.	Class Participation	10%
	TOTAL	100%

Course Requirements



Quiz

There will be a quiz that will consist of two sections: grammar and reading comprehension. Each section will have the same weight towards the grade.

Midterm

It will include all the material seen since the beginning of the course and will share the same format as the quiz.

Final Exam

This exam will be based on all the contents seen in class from the very beginning (also those included in the midterm exam). It will have the same format as the Midterm exam. Each of the sections will have the same weight on the final grade.

Class Participation

Active participation is essential and will be a fundamental part of the final grade.

Attendance

Regular class attendance is required throughout the program. Students must notify (via e-mail with a copy to the Resident Director or Program Coordinator) their instructor beforehand if they will miss class for any reason. Students are responsible for any materials covered in class during their absence. Students who miss class for medical reasons must inform the professor and the RD or PC and provide appropriate documentation.

For CIEE courses, excessively tardy (over 15 minutes late) students will be marked absent (student will be reminded of the policy). Attendance policies also apply to any required co-curricular class excursion or events, etc. Students who miss class for personal travel will be marked as absent and unexcused.

An absence in a CIEE course will be only considered excused if:

1. A doctor's note is provided. The UA medical center does not generally provide class absence notes. In the case a doctor's absence note is extremely necessary, students will need to go to the Vithas International Hospital to be examined.
2. A CIEE staff member verifies that the student was too ill to attend class
3. Evidence is provided of a family emergency

Persistent absenteeism (students exceeding 10% of the total course hours missed, or violations of the attendance policy in more than one class) will lead to a written warning from the RD, notification to the home school, and/or dismissal from the program in addition to reductions in class grade(s).

1. Since each CIEE Alicante course is 45 hours, 10% of the total course hours are 4.5 hours.
2. Students who miss more than 4.5 hours of class without justification will see their final grade reduced by -5%. For instance, students achieving a grade of 89.00 out of 100 points and missing more than 4.5 hours of class will see their grade reduced from 89.00 (B+) to 84.00 (B).



Students with unexcused absences exceeding 20% of the total course hours will fail the course. Written warnings and home school notifications will happen well before the absenteeism causes the student to fail the course so that the student has an opportunity for corrective actions.

Likewise, if any CIEE group organized activity/informational session (e.g. Intercultural development sessions) is scheduled during class hours, attendance to this activity or session is also mandatory for all students enrolled in courses that meet during that block of time. Not attending these CIEE group organized activities/sessions during regular class hours will result in an absence.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Class 1.1 Introduction to the course

Week 2

Class 2.1 Aula 5, Unit 1: Buenas noticias

Important news in our lives

Past tenses. Aula 5, Unit 1: Buenas noticias, p. 8-9, 12.

Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 93

Class 2.2 .

Use of passive voice in journalism. Aula 5, Unit 1: Buenas noticias, p. 13

Reading. Aula 5, Unit 1: Buenas noticias, p.19

Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 94.

Finding headlines

Week 3

Class 3.1 Aula 5, Unit 1: Buenas noticias

Transmission of information.

Impersonal constructions: se + verbo conjugado en tercera persona. Aula 5, Unit 1: Buenas noticias, p. 14

Successful companies. Aula 5, Unit 1: Buenas noticias, p. 10

Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 94 A story of success.

Class 3.2 .

Use of the Tercera persona del plural. Aula 5, Unit 1: Buenas noticias, p. 14

Anticipation of the OD. Aula 5, Unit 1: Buenas noticias, p. 14

Assignments: Review of Unit 1. El Aquarius.

Week 4

Class 4.1

Unit 2: ¿Y tú qué opinas?

Quiz 1.

Express opinions.

Creo que + indicativo, no creo que + subjuntivo. Aula 5, Unit 2: ¿Y tú qué opinas?, p. 25.

Es una tontería / impensable + infinitivo / subjuntivo. Aula 5, Unit 2, ¿Y tú qué opinas? p. 27

Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 99

Class 4.2

Quiz 1. Review.

Negotiate with conditions.

En primer / segundo /... lugar, por último... Aula 5, Unit 2, ¿Y tú qué opinas? p. 26

Solo si / siempre que. Aula 5, Unit 2: ¿Y tú qué opinas?, p. 28

Eso de. Aula 5, Unit 2, ¿Y tú qué opinas? p. 28 Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 101

Forum. Forbidding touristic apartments in Palma.

Week 5

Class 5.1

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Reading: Aula 5, Unit 3: Yo nunca lo haría

Give advices.

Te recomiendo / aconsejo / sugiero que + presente de subjuntivo

Deberías/ podrías + infinitivo

Aula 5, Unit 3: Yo nunca lo haría, p. 38/ 39 Assignments: Practice activities, Más ejercicios, p. 105

Class 5.2

Midterm exam

Express ignorance and evoke imaginary situations El pretérito imperfecto de subjuntivo Aula 5, Unit 3, Yo nunca lo haría, p. 42

No sabía que... Aula 5, Unit 3: Yo nunca lo haría, p. 41

Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 106 108.

Reality show.

Week 6

Class 6.1 Aula 5, Unit 4: Maneras de vivir

Midterm exam review

Connectors to add, to put into context, to compare and to refute information. Aula 5, Unit 4: Maneras de vivir, p. 53

Some uses of por y para. Aula 5, Unit 4: Maneras de vivir, p. 54

Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 110 111.

Class 6.2 .

The correlation of verbal tenses in the relative phrases. Aula 5, Unit 4: Maneras de vivir, p. 57 Assignments: Practice activities: Más ejercicios, p. 113 Test: *la persona ideal*.

Week 7

Class 7.1 Aula 5, Unit 5: Lugares con encanto

Talk about characteristics of people and objects. Relative Phrases: el uso de que, quien/es, cuyo/a/os/as. Aula 5, Unit 5: Lugares con encanto, p. 68 y 69.

Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 116, 117

Class 7.2 .

Verbs of percepción y de opinión + indicativo / subjuntivo. Aula 5, Unit 5: Lugares con encanto, p. 71 El participio in relative phrases: la voz pasiva. Aula 5, Unit 5: Lugares con encanto, p. 71

Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 119 Las ciudades más habitables del mundo.

Week 8

Class 8.1 .

Reading: Aula 5, Unit 6: Se valorará la experiencia Express requirements

Uses of "se" in impersonal sentences: se valorará Aula 5, Unit 6: Se valorará experiencia, p. 85

Assignments: Practice activities, p. 123

Class 8.2 .



Uses of the infinitivo compuesto. Aula 5, Unit 6: Se valorará experiencia, p. 84

Uses of passive sentences. Aula 5, Unit 6: Se valorará experiencia, p. 85

Assignments: Practice activities. Más ejercicios, p. 126 Imágenes en español.

Final Exam

Course Materials

Readings

Corpas, J., Garmendia, A., Sánchez, N., Soriano, C., Aula 5. Difusión. Barcelona: 2015

Online Resources

“Campus Difusión.” Difusión, 26 Feb. 2018, campus.difusion.com