I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
After successfully completing Spanish, students will have achieved a functional proficiency in Spanish. They will learn common phrases, idiomatic expressions, vocabulary, and structures that are indispensable for communication. They will be able to function in social and business situations. They will have opportunity to acquire knowledge to read, write, and translate everyday Spanish and basic literature. Also, they will become familiar with some common Hispanic customs and traditions.

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II. INSTRUCTOR’S NOTES
This course meets for lecture one time a week. Lab assignments are also required, and will be discussed by the instructor. Much of Spanish 1411 will be conducted in Spanish, since practice is essential in order to acquire the language. Although you are not expected to understand every word, through repeated exposure, study, and practice you will find that you understand increasingly more as the semester progresses. So relax, and make every effort to use only Spanish in the classroom.

III. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION
Methods of instruction will consist of lectures, discussions, handouts, board examples, overhead projections, videos, and on-line resources.

V. COURSE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES
This is a beginning course designed for students who have no prior knowledge of Spanish. At the end of this course the successful student:
☒ will be able to use Spanish to negotiate meaning in basic contexts.
☒ will be able to interact with basic Spanish texts
☒ will have attained awareness of and sensitivity to language in general
☒ will have attained understanding of some of the significant social, cultural, historical, and political aspects of Spanish speaking communities.

ASSESSMENT
Participation and In Class Tasks 10%
Oral Interviews/Quizzes 25%
Lab 15%
Tests 25%
Final Exam 25%

GRADE SCALE: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=BELOW 60
ORAL INTERVIEW
Throughout the semester each student will have a short conversation in Spanish with the instructor covering the communicative functions practiced in class. Orals will be graded on information conveyed, vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency.

IN-CLASS TASKS
There will be several in-class tasks during the semester. They may or may not be announced, and could be activities that cover grammar, vocabulary, culture, homework, etc., (any material pertaining to the chapter being studied). No make-ups on in-class tasks for unauthorized absences will be allowed.

QUIZZES
In addition to announced quizzes, there may be unannounced quizzes. Quizzes can be oral, listening or written. They may cover homework, lab activities, vocabulary or grammar, etc. (any material pertaining to the chapter being studied). No make-ups on quizzes for unauthorized absences will be allowed. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

EXAMS
There will be four or five chapter exams given during the semester and one final exam. The final exam will be comprehensive, so please study. You must take a final exam in this course, and no make-ups for unauthorized absences will be allowed.

MAKE-UPS
Only those individuals whose absences are authorized by the instructor will be eligible to take make-ups over the material missed. The Ranger College policy for authorized absences will be followed. If you know ahead of time you are going to be absent, please tell the instructor in order to work something out.

ATTENDANCE
Attendance will be fully enforced. If you are absent more than three times in a semester you will be dropped from the class. It is imperative that you be present in class to learn a new language.

CELL PHONES
Cell phones must be on silent or vibrate at all times during class meetings.

DISCLAIMER
Parts of this syllabus may be subject to change or modification during the semester, as deemed necessary and in the best interests of the students. This will be determined by the instructor.

OFFICE HOURS
The instructor may be contacted from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm on Fridays in her Brown County Campus office. Be aware that the instructor’s hours for lunch may vary. You may come by in person but you should call first or make an appointment, especially if you are traveling from a distance, in order to avoid missing her if she is unexpectedly absent for some reason. You may also call her at her Brown County Campus phone number or send an email to her Ranger Campus email account. If you need help with something course-related, please do not hesitate to ask!