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Fall 2015 Spanish Conversation 3031-001
3 Hrs.

T-TH 2:00PM to 3:15

Instructor: Dr. Maria del Carmen Artigas

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WELCOME!

I am delighted you are taking this class. Thank you.

1-Student Learning Outcome

(1-2-3-4)

The class is in Spanish.

This course is aimed at improving the spoken proficiency of students. A great variety of topics will be discussed in class, such as shopping, cooking, family life, geography, history, poetry, songs, etc. Students will be asked to bring articles from newspapers and magazines with news from the Spanish speaking world. Students will interview Spanish speaking friends, look in the internet news. Students while study the language and the formal and conversational forms, will also develop a good understanding of the many different countries that form the Spanish Speaking World. The format of the class will be "cooperative learning. If you do not read the material assigned for the class, they will be unable to develop a conversation topic.

You will have many tasks that I hope you will find them enjoyable

I will divide this Syllabus in different topics:

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1-Every class we will start with a song in Spanish. I will give you the translation to English besides the original Spanish. There is no better way to learn how to speak than singing.

2-We will discuss your assignment and share comments.

3-I will introduce new topics and I will ask you to comment on topics that I will assign from the internet: Such as reviewing different countries of Latin America and Spain. You will look for geographical places, historical comments, linguistic variations, customs, family life and most of all cooking, so important to New Orleans.

4-If you wish to give a presentation to any LA country or Spain, you are encouraged to do so.

This will not reflect on your grade. I know through experience that many students do not like to speak in public, so I will respect their wished.

5-I will ask you to interview a Spanish speaking person who can be student or a friend, once a week.

I would like to ask you about his/her country and bring to class his comment. You will not ask too personal questions or comment on political situation. But you can discuss: education, family life, meals, friends, parties, etc.

6-I will bring my computer to class so I can show you many countries and how cities were built.

7-You and I will bring Spanish food to class and explain how it was prepared. If we have the opportunity we can discuss different restaurants food, etc..

8-We will discuss not only "academic topics," but topics that you may need if you travel abroad, such as, tipping, asking for taxis, prices of food, hotels, lodging. We will discuss the safety of travelling, and problems that you should be aware.

In total I believe you will profit from the class and improve your conversation skills.

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Book: **Dímelo Tú** (Rodríguez, Samaniego, Bloomer (Heinly: New York, 2015).

There will be 2 exams: Mid-Term and Final. Final Exam:

Exams will be a written essay in one of the content of the class. I will give three topics before the exam so you can be prepared.

Grading:

Each Exam-----20 Points

Attendance-----40 Points

Participation-----40 Points

FINAL EXAM:----- December 8 from 10 AM to 12 Noon

-----**University Holidays:**

September 12-----Labor Day Holiday

October 5-9-----Mid-Term Exams

October 15-16 ----- Break

November 26-27----- Thanksgiving Holiday

December 4----- Last Day of Class.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS REQUEST:

1-Attendance: Students should try to be in class all the time, do the homework, take notes, and participate. The university accepts only 3 missing days during the semester, unless there is valid excuse.

2- Academic Integrity: Students should keep academical integrity at all time, class behavior and to be on time, respect other students as well as faculty. Cell phones should be turned off. The university will not tolerate cheating, plagiarisms, tampering with records, and falsifying identity. Consult UNO Judicial Code if you need further information. The Judicial Code is on the web page of the university.

3-Respect: Treat other students with great respect. Do not make offensive remarks or correct other students.

Dr. Artigas will be the only one who will correct students if needed.

4-Students with Disability: will be accommodated. Please, explain to Dr. Artigas if you have problems that may impede your learning. Otherwise, please, discuss the matter with Disability Center located at Milneburg Hall 159.