

# LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE ~ FALL 2009

Modern Languages and Linguistics Department

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**OFFICE HOURS:** By Appointment  
**COURSE:** Spanish I – 5 UNITS (CSU/UC)  
**SECTION No.** 3338  
**ROOM LOCATION:** CSB 201 ~ Collaborative Studies Building  
**DAYS & TIME** Monday and Wednesday ~ 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

**TEXTBOOK REQUIRED:** *Línea Directa* by Pardess and Ramil (textbook and workbook)

**RECOMMENDED** 3-Ring Binder with dividers  
English/Spanish college dictionary  
501 Spanish Verbs by Kendris, Christopher

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES** Elementary Spanish I concentrate on developing the basic skills in Spanish. Such as listening, reading, speaking and writing in Spanish as well as an appreciation of the Spanish culture. Emphasis is placed on acquisition of vocabulary, structures and grammatical patterns necessary for comprehension of native spoken and writing Spanish, and to give the students the opportunity to write short compositions and dialogues as well as oral presentations.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** At the completion of Elementary Spanish I, the students will be able to:

1. **Identify** concepts and communicate verbally basic needs; use phrases and simple sentences to ask and answer questions; restate main idea and deliver short oral presentations; follow multi-steps instructions.
2. **Interpret** and explain categories of familiar informational material, read simple text orally, respond to factual questions using simple sentences.
3. **Produce** simple sentences and short paragraphs in writing in response to factual questions about brief text; edit writing for basic conventions of writing and clarify meaning and improve organization.

**CLASS PROCEDURE** It is expected that students will come prepared for class activities by having read all materials previously at home and completed all written assignments. Class time will be devoted to practice, application and production of language. There will be oral and written practice in class and as all foreign language courses a total immersion in the target language shall be expected.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE** Attendance is mandatory. However, because unforeseen emergencies may occur, (2) absences are allowed during the semester. Excess of three absences will adversely affect your course grade, as will arrive late or leaving early. Arrange with a classmate to provide you with homework information and handouts when not in class.. ALL cell phones, laptops computers, and ipods must be **TURNED OFF DURING CLASS TIME.** **NO** hats will be worn in the classroom at any time! There will be **NO** eating or drinking at any time in our classroom, **NO** resting your heads on your desk, **NO** disruptive side conversations during presentations or lectures. **Respect the work of others.**

**EXTRA CREDIT** will be given at various times throughout the course. The extra credit will be added to the total score for the class at the end of the semester.

**FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE:** Final examination will be held on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in a special final exam schedule: 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**GRADING:**

Participation	10%
Homework	20%
Cultural Project	10%
Unit Quizzes	40%
Final Exam	20%

A =	90	100
B =	80	89
C =	70	79
D =	60	69
F =	59	0

## FALL 2009 ~ IMPORTANT DATES

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| August 31, 2009      | FALL 2009 CLASSES BEGIN (day and evening)                             |
| September 5, 2009    | Saturday Classes begin  |
| September 7, 2009    | LABOR DAY ( <b>college closed</b> )                                   |
| September 11, 2009   | Deadline to ADD full term classes                                     |
| September 14, 2009   | Last day to receive a REFUND (registration/parking/non-resident fees) |
| September 25, 2009   | Last day to DROP a class without a "W" (in person/Internet/phone)     |
| October 9, 2009      | Last day to file a petition for Credit/No-Credit.                     |
| October 23, 2009     | Last day to file a petition to graduate, Fall 2009                    |
| November 6, 2009     | Last day for Section Transfers  |
| November 11, 2009    | VETERAN’S DAY ( <b>college closed</b> )                               |
| November 20, 2009    | Last day to DROP a class with a "W" (in person/Internet/phone)        |
| November 26-29, 2009 | THANKSGIVING ( <b>college closed</b> )                                |
| December 12, 2009    | FALL 2009 SEMESTER ENDS   |
| December 14-19, 2009 | FINAL EXAMS   |