

PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences

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Course Number and Title:	MLL 151 Beginning Spanish Conversation
Department Assignment:	Modern Languages and Literatures
Credit Hours:	3
Meets:	12:30-1:45 p.m. TTh
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Textbooks:	<u>Spanish in 10 Minutes a Day</u> <u>Spanish Phrase Book</u> <u>1001 Most Useful Spanish Words</u>
Course Description:	

For students with little or no language experience who wish to gain an immediate speaking ability. Class activities and homework assignments also provide opportunities to acquire basic skills in listening, reading, writing, and culture. Course format consists of audio-visual presentations; textbook exercises; paired and group work; role plays; and lectures. Students meet with a Conversation Partner five hours outside of class. Ten 30-minute meetings are arranged by each student and paid for by the department. Textbook features sticky labels to place on objects at home and work to allow for ongoing review of key words and phrases; flashcards with which to practice daily; and cut out menu guides and pocket pals to carry with you to provide essential backup. All of these aids, as well as both textbooks, provide unique pronunciation guides to speed you on your way to fluency.

Major Topics:

Students learn to get and give information; to use numbers to express quantities and to tell time; to provide personal information; and to describe familiar people and places. They gain an ability to interact in situations related to travel, shopping, dining, health, and entertainment.

Grading:

This course is graded on a Pass/Fail basis. To earn the grade “Pass,” students must participate actively in all class sessions and complete all homework assignments.

Class Policy:

This class includes numerous hands-on activities that require students to engage, explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate. Students are expected to be involved and stay involved. This means that they must be in class. Each class will add some new dimension to students’ knowledge of Spanish and Hispanic culture. There is no way that a class can really be made up. Students are expected to make a commitment to this course and to attend all class meetings. A homework assignment is given in each class.

Communication:

Since language is communication, try to get used to participating actively in class. This involves answering when called on, volunteering answers, and asking questions when you don’t understand. Keep the lines of communication open. For example, if you’re having problems keeping up due to your heavy work schedule or you were “less than perfect” in class because you were up all night writing a paper, let me know. Don’t let me draw false conclusions about you! Cooperate and be flexible with me and be supportive of your fellow classmates. Have fun learning Spanish!