Sophia Learning
SPAN1001: Spanish I (3 semester credits)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Sophia’s Spanish I course is designed to provide students with the fundamentals required to read, write, and speak in the Spanish language. This course offers students the opportunity to learn the basics of Spanish through both a linguistic and cultural lens, exploring the cultures and customs of several Spanish-speaking countries along with basic grammatical structures and useful vocabulary for making introductions, describing university and home life, communicating current and future plans, and discussing various activities and interests.

COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: May 2022 - Present

PREREQUISITES: No prerequisites

LENGTH OF COURSE: This is a self-paced course. Students may use as much or as little time as needed to complete the course.

ACE CREDIT® RECOMMENDATION: In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in Spanish (4/22).

GRADING: This is a pass/fail course. Students must complete 9 Challenges (formative assessments), 4 Milestones (summative assessments), and 5 Touchstones (project-based or written assessments) with an overall course average of 70% or better.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Follow the rules of pronunciation with essential Spanish vocabulary.
2. Demonstrate proper noun-adjective agreement when forming introductory phrases and sentences.
3. Describe physical characteristics, personality traits, and emotional states.
4. Express times, dates, locations, and weather conditions.
5. Describe one’s academic life.
6. Describe one’s home and family life.
7. Express current actions using the present progressive tense.
8. Express future actions using proper verb construction.
9. Discuss holidays, parties, and traditions.
10. Survey major cultural aspects of Spanish-speaking countries.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- The Spanish Alphabet
- Accents, Emphasis, and Other Pronunciation Rules
- Greetings and Courteous Expressions
- Numbers 0-1000
- Days, Months, and Dates
- Definite and Indefinite Articles
- Gender for Nouns and Articles
- Geography of the Spanish-Speaking World and Nationalities
- Noun and Adjective Agreement
- The Present Tense
- Verbs Ending in -ar, -er, and -ir
- Question Words
- The Verbs Ser and Estar
- Telling Time
- Prepositions of Time and Place
- Weather and Seasons
- The Verb Ir
- Academic Subjects and Classes
- The Verb Tener and Tener Expressions
- Quantifiers
- Possessive Adjectives
- Family and Pets
- Rooms and Furniture
- Food and Meals
- Hobbies and Pastimes
- The Present Progressive Tense
- The Verb Gustar and Similar Verbs
- Talking About the Future
- Verbs with Irregular Forms
- Holidays and Parties
- Sequential Expressions
- Cultural Surveys of Central and South America

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