



Course Title: Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture

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Instructor Availability: Tuesday and Thursday 3-4:00 or by appointment

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### Course Description:

*The AP Spanish Language and Culture course provides students with opportunities to develop language proficiency across the three modes of communication: Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational. Students learn about culture through the use of authentic materials that are representative of the Spanish-speaking world. Materials include a variety of different media, e.g., journalistic and literary works, podcasts, interviews, movies, charts, and graphs. AP Spanish Language and Culture is a language acquisition course designed to provide students with the necessary skills and intercultural understanding to enable them to communicate successfully in an environment where Spanish is spoken and as such, is an immersion experience requiring almost exclusive use of Spanish, a requirement which class participation grades reflect.*

### GPA Grading Guidelines:

Category	Grading Criteria	Percentage
Classwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion/Quality</li></ul> <p><i>(Must have a minimum of 1 weekly grade)</i></p>	30%
Demonstrations of Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Key Course Assignments</li></ul> <p><i>(See course syllabus for Unit Key Assignments)</i></p>	35%
Homework/Independent Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any work assigned to a student in which they complete on their own outside of class.</li></ul> <p><i>(Must have a minimum of 1 weekly grade)</i></p>	10%
Quarter Finals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quarter finals are course specific, standards based exams that cover content from the 9 week quarter.</li></ul>	25%

\* Classwork/Participation and Homework/Independent Learning will be updated weekly.



**Prerequisites:** Prerequisite is Spanish 3-4, 5/6 or assessment

**Course Materials:** Cracking the AP the test, Triangulo, AP Higher Learning. Google Classroom, Spanish folder, pen, pencils, highlighters, authentic resources such as BBC.mundo Espanol, CNN en Español, computer, access to internet, etc  
etc.

**Course Structure:** All Spanish courses are based upon the 5Cs delineated by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). They are: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. Students interact using the 3 modes of communication: Interpersonal (speaking and listening), Interpretive (listening and reading) and Presentational (formal writing and speaking). A variety of authentic sources will be incorporated (such as online news sources, short stories, chapter books, images etc.). In addition, students will learn about the products, practices and perspectives of culture.

**Course of Study:** Please look at the attachment for [AP Central Syllabus 1029722v1](#)

Name of Unit (*Length of unit - 8 WEEKS -Q1*)

Content Standards	Learning Objectives	Key Assignments/Exams

Name of Unit (*Length of unit - 8 WEEKS -Q2*)

Content Standards	Learning Objectives	Key Assignments/Exams

Name of Unit (*Length of unit - 8 WEEKS -Q3*)

Content Standards	Learning Objectives	Key Assignments/Exams

Name of Unit (*Length of unit - 8 WEEKS -Q4*)



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### Course Specific Student Expectations:

*What do you expect of your students?*

*Students are expected to:*

- *Bring materials to class daily*
- *Complete assignments on time.*
  - *Homework will be due at the beginning of class, late homework will receive the grade of a "C." After two days late homework will not be accepted*
  - *Projects, essays, presentations are expected to be turned in, completed, on the due date assigned by teacher. Projects turned in late will lose 1/3 of a letter grade each day it is late (i.e. A  $\Rightarrow$  A- or A-  $\Rightarrow$  B+) for 1 week. After 1 week, work will receive no higher than a 50%. Late work will not be accepted after 2 weeks.*
    - \*Quarter Finals/Final projects/Essays can only be turned in up to 3 days late to allow teacher time to grade.*
- *Work is expected to be completed in Spanish unless otherwise specified.*
- *Students are allowed to use Spanish-English dictionaries, [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) or [www.rae.es](http://www.rae.es) to help them complete assignments. Google Translate is not allowed and any use of google translate will be considered plagiarism and will receive a grade of 0.*

### Accommodations/Modification and Supports:

Any student who requires accommodations, modifications or additional supports should contact me as early as possible so that we may arrange accommodations, modifications and supports.

### GPA Student Expectations:

Students should follow GPA code of conduct at all times. The first offence will receive a verbal warning/reminder, the second offence will receive a parent phone call. Additional offences may require intervention, parent conference or referral to office of student conduct depending on the situation.

School-wide Attendance: All students are expected to be punctual and in their classroom seat, ready to learn for each day. Under California law (Ed. Code 48200) all children between the ages of six and eighteen are required to be enrolled and in regular attendance at school. GPA families know that school attendance is the critical first step to make sure that each student receives an education that will help them on their path to college. Students cannot learn what they need to



be prepared for the next grade level, if they are not in school. The more absences from school a student has, the more they fall behind in their classes and the more difficult it will be to make it to college.

Planner Use: All students are expected to write all assignments in their GPA planner daily. Your first GPA planner will be provided by the school to support organization and time management.

Homework Completion: As a school working toward college preparation, all GPA students are expected to complete their daily/weekly assignments. Students who fail to complete their homework assignments on time, and are unexcused, will be required to attend lunch and after school tutoring support daily until completed. Until all assignments are completed, students may not be eligible for athletics, clubs, and other extracurricular activities.

Electronic Device Policy: Cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic communication devices that can send and/or receive data are not permitted to be visible, heard, or used in any manner during school hours except by approval of school authorities. Any violation and/or disruption of the learning process will result in the confiscation of the item. The parent/guardian must pick up the confiscated item from the Office of Student Conduct or the teacher.

Computer/Internet Usage Policy: Students may not use computers and/or the GPA network without proper adult supervision. The teacher/staff will choose resources on the Internet that are appropriate for classroom instruction and/or research for the needs, maturity, and ability of their students.

#### *Acceptable Use-*

- Access to any site that provides information relevant to current class assignments
- Access to college or university websites
- Use of teacher approved educational software (games, instructional tools, etc.)

Academic Integrity: Honest behavior is an expectation for all students at Gompers Preparatory Academy. Our goal is to create and maintain an ethical academic atmosphere. Acts of academic dishonesty that will not be tolerated at GPA are listed below:

- Cheating on any classroom assignment, test, or quiz
- Plagiarism - copying or representing another's ideas, words, or work as one's own, without properly citing the source. Plagiarism includes the misuse of published material, electronic material, and/or the work of other students. The original writer who intentionally shares his/her work for another to copy, without the permission of the teacher, is also engaged in plagiarism
- Fabrication (any falsification or invention of date, citation, or other authority in an assignment); theft or alteration of materials



- Unauthorized collaboration
- Unauthorized use of electronic devices

Students found in violation of GPA's Academic Integrity Policy will be disciplined appropriately, which may lead to formal suspension. Consequences for offenses may include, but are not limited to, detention, *lowering of academic and citizenship grade and/or suspensions/exclusion from extracurricular activities.*

### Standards/Format for Writing Papers - MLA Format:

The standard format for all papers follows the MLA formatting rules:

1. Typed, double-spaced: TIMES NEW ROMAN, 12 font, including title
2. Heading: 4 lines - UPPER LEFT corner
  - Student name: "Sammy Gompers"
  - Teacher name: Ms. Teacher
  - Course name, period: English I, Period 3
  - Date 06 February 2009
3. All pages numbered: upper right corner, last name and page number; no punctuation, no "p." or "pg."
4. Title: centered, upper and lower case
5. Work Cited/ Documentation Format: It is necessary to credit any source that is used in a paper or project. Plagiarism is considered cheating. All sources must be documented. Citing sources in a paper must be thorough and accurate. MLA formatting for in-text citations and works cited is mandatory.

### Important Dates:

Quarter 1:

- Q1 Finals Week: October 23rd and 27th
- Parent Conferences: October 23rd - 27th
- End Date: October 30th

Quarter 2:

- Q2 Finals Week: January 22nd - 26th
- Parent Conferences: January 16th - 22nd
- End Date: January 31st

Quarter 3:

- Q3 Finals Week: April 9th - 13th
- Parent Conferences: April 16th - 20th
- End Date: April 23rd

Quarter 4:

- Q4 Finals Week: May 29th - June 1st
- End Date: June 26th



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Student Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



