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C Spanish Studies 4

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of [units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities](#).

Visit the [MQ COVID-19 information page](#) for more detail.

General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

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Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit aims to enable students with an existing threshold/lower intermediate command of Spanish to become independent users of the Spanish language. It seeks to develop students' skills in reading, writing, comprehension and speaking in Spanish and further develops students' knowledge of contemporary Spanish and Latin American culture. This unit follows a communicative approach and is designed to further develop skills in reading, writing, comprehension and speaking, and requires continuous revision and engaged study from students. The unit aims to develop students' language skills to B1+/towards B2 level in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Develop intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Spanish language.

ULO2: Identify, describe and evaluate many aspects of Spanish-speaking cultures and societies.

ULO3: Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of Spanish at intermediate level.

ULO4: Apply relevant language conventions to create meaningful intercultural encounters.

ULO5: Demonstrate a refined awareness of language and language use, in both Spanish and in English.

General Assessment Information

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline.

No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Final Exam

The final exam in this unit is a department-based online exam due in week 13.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Autonomous/reflective task</u>	20%	No	Ongoing, final reflection due 23:00 27/10/2021
<u>Participation</u>	10%	No	Ongoing
<u>Live oral test</u>	20%	No	13:00-15:00 03/11/2021 or 05/11/2021
<u>Final online test</u>	25%	No	23:00 07/11/2021
<u>Quizzes</u>	10%	No	23:00 15/08/2021, 05/09/2021, 10/10/2021, 24/10/2021
<u>Assignments oral/written</u>	15%	No	23:00 15/08/2021, 3/10/2021, 17/10/2021

Autonomous/reflective task

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Ongoing, final reflection due 23:00 27/10/2021**

Weighting: **20%**

Autonomous and intercultural learning tasks to complete. Reflective writing of the process of language learning.

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- Apply relevant language conventions to create meaningful intercultural encounters.

Participation

Assessment Type **1**: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task **2**: 10 hours

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **10%**

Students will complete participation tasks online via synchronous and/or asynchronous activities. See iLearn for more information.

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- Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of Spanish at intermediate level.
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Live oral test

Assessment Type **1**: Simulation/role play

Indicative Time on Task **2**: 8 hours

Due: **13:00-15:00 03/11/2021 or 05/11/2021**

Weighting: **20%**

Oral tests assessing skills acquired through previous assessment. Spontaneous components. External students do this online.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Spanish language.
- Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of Spanish at intermediate level.

Final online test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **23:00 07/11/2021**

Weighting: **25%**

Final written test assessing skills acquired through previous assessment, including: reading, written composition and grammatical structures. Student will complete their final test online.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Spanish language.
- Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of Spanish at intermediate level.
- Demonstrate a refined awareness of language and language use, in both Spanish and in English.

Quizzes

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **23:00 15/08/2021, 05/09/2021, 10/10/2021, 24/10/2021**

Weighting: **10%**

Short answer iLearn quizzes on key grammar, vocabulary and comprehension.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of Spanish at intermediate level.

Assignments oral/written

Assessment Type ¹: Creative work

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **23:00 15/08/2021, 3/10/2021, 17/10/2021**

Weighting: **15%**

Written compositions and oral tasks submitted via iLearn.

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Required and recommended resources:

Fuentes. Conversación y gramática. Rusch/Domínguez/Caycedo Garner. (2015) Heinle Cengage Learning. 5th ed. (The 2011 4th edition is an acceptable alternative, however please plan ahead of classes to make sure you can locate all relevant sections in your book for that week's activities.)

Other required resources provided on iLearn.

Times and Locations for classes: Please consult the MQ Timetables Website for up to date information: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au>

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

Online Unit

Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

Is my unit in iLearn?: https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/ilearn_unit_status/ to check when your online unit will become available.

Technology

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient. This unit requires frequent use of streaming video, and ability to record video/audio outside class time.

For students attending classes on campus you will need to you bring along your own laptop computer or tablet, ready to work with activities in your online unit. The preferred operating system is Windows 10.

Students are required to access the online unit in iLearn by the end of Week 1 and follow any relevant instructions and links for downloads that may be required. If applicable, students are required to download the relevant language package prior to Week 2.

Please contact your course convenor **before** the end of **Week 1** if you do not have a suitable laptop (or tablet) for in-class use.

- **For central technical support go to:** http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/
- **For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to:** <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/tools-and-resources/ilearn/ilearn-quick-guides-for-students>

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from **Policy Central** (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)

This unit aims to enable students to become independent users of the Spanish language. It seeks to develop students' skills in reading, writing, comprehension and speaking in Spanish and further develops students' knowledge of contemporary Spanish and Latin American cultures. The unit is taught in composite mode with a strong online component, working to B1+/towards B2 of CEFR.

Through engagement with the Spanish language in a range of contexts, the unit invites you to develop the ability to

- understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.
- deal with most situations likely to arise while travelling in an area where the language is spoken.
- produce simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest.
- describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.