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C Spanish Studies 3

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Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

Unit Convenor

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

HSC Spanish Continuers Band 4 and above or Spanish Extension Band E3 and above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit aims to enable students with an existing elementary 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+ 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

Indicative examples of assessment tasks will be available on iLearn.

Late Assessment Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Learning Log and Active Participation</u>	25%	No	Weekly, final in week 12
<u>Assignments</u>	15%	No	Weeks 5, 8, 10
<u>Regular Quizzes/Final Test</u>	40%	No	Weeks 4, 7, 9, 11, 13
<u>Oral Test</u>	20%	No	Week 13

Learning Log and Active Participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 35 hours

Due: **Weekly, final in week 12**

Weighting: **25%**

Learning log, reflective writing journal and active participation and preparation for unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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

- 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.

Assignments

Assessment Type ¹: LOTE written composition

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Weeks 5, 8, 10**

Weighting: **15%**

Brief assignments on given topics.

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- Develop intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Spanish language.
- Identify, describe and evaluate many aspects of Spanish-speaking cultures and societies.
- Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of Spanish at intermediate level.
- Apply relevant language conventions to create meaningful intercultural encounters.

Regular Quizzes/Final Test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 32 hours

Due: **Weeks 4, 7, 9, 11, 13**

Weighting: **40%**

Regular time-limited quizzes and final end of session test including grammar, reading/listening comprehension, written composition.

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.

Oral Test

Assessment Type ¹: Simulation/role play

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **20%**

Semi-prepared semi-improvised group oral test. Online students will be doing this via a Zoom session.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the Spanish language.
- Apply relevant language conventions to create meaningful intercultural encounters.

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.)

Times and Locations for Practicals and Seminars: 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?: <http://help.ilearn.mq.edu.au/unitsonline/> 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.

For students attending classes on campus we strongly encourage that you bring along your own laptop computer, 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) (<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>

dents.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)

The unit aims at fostering language skills to level B1, described as follows in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR): Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.