

Bedford High School
Foreign Language Department
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COURSE SYLLABUS 2015-2016

Course: **4344 - Spanish IV-Advanced**

Periods per cycle: 4

Credit: 5

Level: Honors

Conducted in immersion style, this course increases the student's proficiency in Spanish through a thorough review of verb tenses, and grammatical structures. Students will also learn several new tenses and idiomatic expressions. Spanish IV-Advanced Level 4 is a complete grammatical review coordinated with the development of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Since emphasis is placed on oral communication, perfection of pronunciation, and greater facility in speaking, language use becomes more natural. Students are able to provide spontaneous answers to a variety of situations and sustain conversations in the target language. Literary selections, songs, audio selections, and film will be studied and used for discussions, writing, and cultural study of the Spanish-speaking world.

Prerequisites:

- Completion of Spanish III-Advanced (honors) with a final grade of 80 or better; or
- A final grade of 90 or better in Spanish III (college prep); and/or
- Teacher recommendation.

I. Learning Objectives (A statement of learning objectives is a statement of changes to take place in students.)

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Converse about a variety of topics including: the environment, discuss city life, daily chores, money and banking, and going to the post office, identify commercial establishments, means of transportation, and cite locations, discuss professions and occupations, talk about health, well-being and exercise, describe travel experiences, learn and practice terminology related to current events, politics and social issues, and the media, and discuss the arts, theatre and television.
- Express wishes and desires, needs, and opinions using the subjunctive tense
- Express doubt, denial and negation using the subjunctive tense
- Use common conjunctions to express actions that have not yet happened using the subjunctive tense
- Use the future perfect to talk about events that will have occurred.
- Use the future tense to talk about future events as well as events that are likely happening
- Use the present perfect tenses (indicative and subjunctive) to discuss what has happened
- Use the pluperfect tense (indicative and subjunctive) in complex statements relating to the past
- Use the past participle as an adjective
- Use the conditional tense to express what would happen, and to express probability in the past
- Use clauses with 'if' using the subjunctive and indicative moods
- Use *nosotros* commands

II. Learning Experiences (A learning experience is the interaction between the learner and the external conditions in the environment to which he/she can react.)

In this course, the student will:

- Listen to class presentations, take notes, and actively participate in class work using the target language.
- Complete written assignments including textbook activities and level appropriate compositions using the target language.
- Work both in and out of the classroom on projects that are focused on the target language and culture.
- Participate in the review of homework and class assignments.
- Work in pairs or groups to practice grammatical constructions, vocabulary, and conversation.
- Read excerpts, short passages, and paragraphs in the target language.

- Participate in computer and language lab activities designed to reinforce grammatical concepts and vocabulary learned in individual units.
- Watch films and videos relating to Spanish-speaking cultures.
- Play games that enhance and reinforce vocabulary and grammatical structures.
- Complete projects related to Spanish-speaking cultures..
- Participate in daily oral activities including conversation, paired activities, role-playing and presentations.
- Participate in art and music activities related to Spanish-speaking cultures.

III. Course Outline (A brief outline of the major topics and sequence of topics and units may be altered by the teacher based on the needs of the students).

1. Grammar (verb tenses) as included in chapters 4-9 of *Descubre 2* :
 - present subjunctive and indicative, present perfect subjunctive and indicative, pluperfect, pluperfect subjunctive, imperfect subjunctive, future, future perfect, command forms, the conditional, conditional perfect.
2. Grammatical Structures as included in chapters 4-9 of *Descubre 2*:
 - regular and irregular past participles, *if* clauses, teacher reviews of indirect object pronouns, direct object pronouns and reflexive pronouns.
3. Vocabulary and self-expression as included in chapters 4-9 of *Descubre 2*:
 - nature, the environment and recycling, city life, daily chores, money and banking, going to the post office, health and well-being, exercise, physical activity, and nutrition, professions and occupations, the workplace and job interviews, the arts, movies and television, current events and politics, the media, natural disasters.
4. Culture as included in chapters 4-9 of *Descubre 2*:
 - Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Nicaragua and/or the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and/or Honduras, Paraguay and/or Uruguay.

IV. Course Materials: The following list represents the major texts and/or resources used in Spanish IV-Advanced. Teachers also use additional supplementary texts: articles, materials and curriculum documents which they have gathered or prepared themselves and which they believe enrich and extend student learning.

José Blanco, *Descubre 2: Lengua y cultura del mundo hispánico*: Vista Higher Learning, 2008

- textbook, workbook, audio and video materials
- Interactive web site, designed to support *Descubre 2* textbook
- Reader: Marta Arciniega: Los supervivientes de los Andes³

Foreign Language Departmental Essential Questions

- Why is it important to be able to communicate in another language?
- Why is it important to understand and respect other cultures?
- Why is it important to understand the workings of a language?

