



McLean High School Course Description and Expectations

Course: ADVANCED PLACEMENT SPANISH LANGUAGE

Prerequisites: Spanish 4 for students from a U.S. High School. There will be a placement test for students coming from abroad.

Short Course Description: The AP course in Spanish Language is intended to cover the equivalent of a third-year college course in advanced composition and conversation. Emphasizing the use of Spanish for active communication, it encompasses aural/oral skills, reading comprehension, grammar, and composition. The course content reflects intellectual interests shared by the students and teacher (current events, literature, culture, sports, the arts, history) and includes a variety of video, listening comprehension, and reading materials. In addition, the course prepares the students to take the Advanced Placement Spanish Language Examination

Summer Assignment: may include reading a short story or an abridged detective story

Work Load during the School Year: Maximum one hour of homework per 90 minute class. There will be 2-3 essays and/or cassettes and 1-3 major tests per quarter.

Special Course Information: Since classes will be conducted entirely in Spanish, a student who misses class misses 95 minutes of immersion in the language. Although it is possible to make up the work, it is almost impossible to duplicate the immersion experience. Therefore, regular class attendance is essential.

Available Support: Teachers are available to help students after school as necessary
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