

Textbooks Required.

“Aventuras Literarias” (6th edition), Jarvis, Lebrede and Mena.
ISBN 0-395-90937-6

Recommended:

Spanish/English – English Spanish dictionary

Grading Criteria

Written Tests:

A total of four written tests in Spanish will be given over different readings. These tests will be essay format in which students will support their ideas in Spanish with specific examples from the readings.

Oral Presentations:

Two oral presentations will be given:

1. The students will make a presentation in Spanish of a current event related to any Spanish country, followed by questions from the instructor. (The article should be from a newspaper/magazine/internet).
2. The students will present a short story in Spanish followed by questions from the instructor (This could be an anecdote related to a personal experience or something that happened to someone else. It could be happy or sad).

NOTE: For the two oral presentations, the students will not be allowed to have notes, outlines or any additional material in his/her hand. The student should have memorized the material.

Grading Scale

Your grade will be based on the following scale:

A = 90 – 100	D = 60 – 69
B = 80 – 89	F = 59 and below
C = 70 – 79	

Your final grade will be determined y the following formula:

Grading System:

Test. (4 written tests plus 2 oral presentations).....	80%
Homework: (4 home works)	20%

Attendance Policy

The material covered is cumulative, so it is important that you turn in homework on time. All assignments will be due on the dates indicated. **NO MAKE-UP.** No exceptions on either home work, written tests or oral presentations.

Withdrawal Date and College Policy

If you are unable to complete this course, you must withdraw from it by April 22, 2009. Withdrawing from a course is a formal procedure which **you** must initiate.

You may do this in the **Admissions office** or in the **Counseling Center**. If you stop attending and do not withdraw, you will receive a grade of **F**.

Student Code of Conduct

Please refer to page 228 of the Eastfield 2008/2009 Catalog.

You are expected to turn in homework and take tests on time.

Assignments and tests will be evaluated on content, organization, and presentation. Please let me know if you have any questions or difficulties in completing this course.

Plagiarism

All tests should be entirely your work. Cheating will result in a zero for that test grade.

ADA Statement

Students with Learning, Mental or Physical Disabilities:

Students with special needs, taking tests in the Testing Center, must identify themselves in a timely fashion and demonstrate/document the need for accommodation through the Services for Special Populations Office (SSPO). For information regarding the rights and responsibilities of students with disabilities, contact **SSPO** at **(972) 8690-7032 voice /TDD**.

Reserving the Right to Change and/or Revise Syllabus:

This syllabus may be revised according to student needs.

You may obtain your grades online at <http://econnect.dcccd.edu/> or by phone at 972-860-1818. You will need your College ID# to access your grade information."

Core Intellectual Competencies Modern Language:

- 1 - Reading** – ability to analyze and interpret a variety of printed materials – books, documents, articles – above 12th grade.
- 2 - Writing** – ability to produce clear, correct, and coherent prose adapted to purpose, occasion, and audience – above the 12th grade.

- 3 – **Speaking** - ability to communicate orally in clear, coherent, and persuasive language appropriate to purpose, audience – above the 12th grade.
- 4 – **Listening** – analyze and interpret various forms of spoken communication, possess sufficient literary skills of writing, reading – above 12th grade.

Core Exemplary Educational Objectives for Modern Language:

1 – **To understand** and demonstrate writing and speaking processes through invention, organization, drafting, revision, editing, and presentation.

2 – **To participate** effectively in groups with emphasis on listening, critical and reflective thinking, and responding.

Student Obligations/Absence from Class Due to Religious Holiday Day

If a student is going to be absent due to a religious holy day, please notify the instructor in advance in writing. If a test is scheduled during that period, the student may take the test prior/after the holy day without penalty.

Emergency & Inclement Weather Procedures:

In case of emergency* or inclement weather conditions, Eastfield staff and students should listen to KEOM-FM Radio Station (88.5) as the primary media source. In partnership with the Mesquite Independent School District, Eastfield College Administration will notify KEOM immediately after a decision is made to cancel classes on any given day of inclement weather or for emergency purposes. Students may also monitor other local radio and television stations. The earliest an announcement may be broadcast on KEOM Radio is 6:00 a.m.

*Emergencies may include power or air conditioning outages, fires, etc.

RULES AND DEADLINES

We will have four **WRITTEN** tests from the textbook “**AVENTURAS LITERARIAS**” Sixth Edition. Each test will have five bonus questions from the video, “**DESTINOS.**” Tests are available in the Testing Center at Eastfield College, Room C-114. Testing Center hours are: Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm., Friday from 9:00 to 7:00 pm. The last test each day will be given two hours prior to closing. Students will need a picture ID and a pen or pencil when taking tests in the Testing Center. No additional material will be allowed. Testing center phone # 972-860-8318

Test 1 – February 9 - 13, 2009

Pages 3, 5, 7, 14, and 16 from **AVENTURAS LITERARIAS, Sixth Edition.**

In order to prepare for the test, please read all the stories from the pages listed above and do all the exercises related to the readings. Questions from these exercises will be on your test.

Watch **DESTINOS** Episode 41, 42 and 43. Questions from these three chapters will be in your test as bonus questions. Each question is worth one point.

Before you take your test, make sure you do all the homework related to the readings listed above. Prior going to the Testing Center, bring your homework to my office, C-272, inside of an envelope with your name and my name on it, and place it under my office door.

Test 2 – March 2 - 6, 2009

Pages 18, 19, 20, 27 and 30-31 from **AVENTURAS LITERARIAS Sixth Edition.**

In order to prepare for the test, please read all the stories from the pages listed above and do all the exercises related to the readings. Questions from these exercises will be on your test.

Watch **DESTINOS** Episode 44, 45 and 46. Questions from these three chapters will be in your test as bonus questions. Each question is worth one point.

Before you take your test, make sure you do all the homework related to the readings listed above. Prior going to the Testing Center, bring your homework to my office, C-272, inside of an envelope with your name and my name on it, and place it under my office door.

Test 3 – March 30 – April 3, 2009

Pages 57-58-59, 70-71, 93-94, and 95 from **AVENTURAS LITERARIAS Sixth Edition.**

In order to prepare yourself for the test, please read all the stories from the pages listed above and do all the exercises related to the readings. Questions from these exercises will be on your test.

Watch **DESTINOS** Episode 47, 48 and 49. Questions from these three chapters will be in your test as bonus questions. Each question is worth one point.

Before you take your test, make sure you do all the homework related to the readings listed above. Prior going to the Testing Center, bring your homework to my office, C-272, inside of an envelope with your name and my name on it, and place it under my office door.

Test 4 –April 27 – May 1, 2009

Pages 8, 9, 22, 38, 49, 72, and 84 from **AVENTURAS LITERARIAS Sixth Edition.**

In order to prepare yourself for the test, please read all the stories and poems from the pages listed above and do all the exercises related to the readings. Questions from these exercises will be on your test.

Watch **DESTINOS** Episode 50, 51 and 52. Questions from these three chapters will be in your test as bonus questions. Each question is worth one point.

Before you take your test, make sure you do all the homework related to the readings listed above. Prior going to the Testing Center, bring your homework to my office, C-272, inside of an envelope with your name and my name on it, and place it under my office door.

General Information:

Each test will have 12 questions. From the 12 questions, you will choose ten. Each topic will be worth 10 points, plus five questions from DESTINOS as a bonus worth one point each. Each answer should be developed in a full paragraph format (introduction, body and conclusion). The paragraph must be written in Spanish of ten or more lines.

Points off will be taken for incomplete statements, fragmented sentences, spelling, accents and punctuation (four written tests).

Oral Presentations:

The last day a student may take the Two Oral Presentation is April 22, 2009.

Students will take these two oral presentations, in Spanish, in my office (C-272), during my office hrs. No later than April 22, 2009. No late written test, late homework nor late oral presentation will be accepted. **No exceptions. Oral test only by appointment.**

Each oral presentation will be from 3 to 5 minutes. Following each presentation, I will ask questions in Spanish related to your topic. Students will not be permitted to use outlines, notes or other materials during oral presentations.

Points will be taken off for incomplete sentences, fragmented sentences, verb tenses, vocabulary and pronunciation (two oral presentations).

Please call me to arrange a convenient day and time for your two oral presentations to be taken. All the oral presentations must be taken during my office hours, C-272. Allow yourself at least one hour to complete your oral presentations.

If you have any questions concerning these rules, please let me know.

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STOP BEFORE YOU DROP

For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions. Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a "W". Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas public institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: <https://www1.dcccd.edu/coursedrops>

Spanish Websites:

Verbix.com

Excellent verb conjugator.

<http://www.verbix.com/languages/spanish.shtml>

StudySpanish.com

Excellent site for practice tests and exercises:

<http://www.studyspanish.com/>

Online Spanish/English dictionary

<http://www.wordreference.com/>

Cliffs Quick review Reference Book

This is an excellent reference book(not text book) for Spanish grammar; and is free.

<http://images.amazon.com/media/i3d/01/Spanish 1Cliffs.pdf>

Destinos Online

You can watch all of the episodes here, but you MUST have high-speed Internet.

You may have to register, but it is free and you get NO emails.

<Http://www.learner.org/resources/series75.html>