Spanish 1 is designed to develop basic communicative proficiency in listening, reading, speaking and writing. You will actively learn Spanish vocabulary and structures, you will listen to a great deal of real/life spoken Spanish and will learn cultural information about the different Spanish speaking countries. However, these objectives can only be realized through your active participation, both in and out of the class.

Required Materials:

- *Caminos*. Second edition. *Student Audio Program and Expanded Audio Program*
Material Description:

Textbook, *Caminos*. Second edition:
For in class use and daily study. I will collect the assigned sections of your textbook at the end of each chapter.

Activities Manual with Answer Key:
For daily at-home practice to be completed as soon as possible after class. I will collect the assigned sections of your *Manual* at the end of each chapter. You need to complete *all* the activities on a timely manner and correct your own answers with a **red pen** to get full credit for it.

Student Audio Program:
The Audio Program packaged with the textbook provides focused listening practice that further develops pronunciation and speaking skills. These materials are necessary for completing the exercises in the Vocabulary sections of the textbook. The program is available also as MP3 files on the *Caminos* student web site.

CD-ROM:
Use at home if you have access to a computer with a CD drive or on campus. The *Caminos* CDROM offers full-motion video clips from the *Caminos del Jaguar* video program and interactive transcripts, as well as extra practice for each chapter (vocabulary and grammar exercises, and additional opportunities to practice reading, listening and speaking).

Caminos website:
Includes exercises, maps, review quizzes, and links to websites through the Spanish speaking world. The web site may be accessed through the Houghton and Mifflin site ([http://college.hmco](http://college.hmco)). The full address is:
http://college.hmco.com/languages/spanish/burgy/caminos/2e/students/index.html

How to approach each lesson:

1. Always begin with the assigned sections in the Textbook before coming to class. Prepare for them so you can discuss, ask questions and participate.
2. After the class review the materials covered and go to the Workbook/Laboratory Manual. Complete all the activities in the assigned section for the day and then go back over them with a red pen and correct your work using the Answer Key.

3. Finally, explore the extra stuff that will make this language fun and interactive –the CD ROM, the Caminos online learning center, other Spanish web sites, etc.

**Evaluation:**

- Partial Exams (4 x 15%) 60%
- Final Exam 15%
- Class Participation 10%
- Workbook/Laboratory Manual, and Homework 15%

**Grade Cutoffs:**

90%-100%  = A
80%-89%    = B
70%-79%    = C
60% to 69% = D
below 60%  = F

**Class participation**

Class attendance and regular participation are essential to succeed in this class. Attendance is essential in learning a language! And, remember that, in accordance with college policy, you can be dropped for “excessive absence” (15 lecture hours or more).

**Academic Honesty:**

According to new college policy, if a student is discovered cheating the instructor has the right to file an academic dishonesty report and fail that exam or assignment or even the entire course for everyone involved in the incident.
Extra Credit:

To get extra credit you can email me all 7 of the ACE self tests (from each chapter) that you will find in the Caminos web site at the following website address:
http://college.hmco.com/languages/spanish/burgy/caminos/2e/students/index.html

You can also choose to do a class presentation on a cultural topic of your choice or you can watch a movie in Spanish and write a two page essay. Ask me for the assignment if you are interested in doing it.

Tips:

- Come to class every day and be as well prepared as possible.
- Keep up with the exercises in the Workbook/Laboratory Manual. Do all the assigned section on a daily basis. Study the corresponding section in your textbook first, then move on to the exercises in your workbook and do them without referring to the answer key and, finally, correct your answers against the key using a red pen. If you do not understand why you got it wrong, mark it and don’t forget to ask me in class.
- Don’t hesitate to ask questions, before, during or after class and visit me during office hours.
- Make friends with your classmates and exchange phone numbers. Learning Spanish will be more fun and you will have somebody to help you catch up if you have to miss a class.
- Explore radio, television, music, movies, and magazines in Spanish, try to select topics that interest you, and enjoy learning a new language.

¡Bienvenidos a clase y muy buena suerte!