

# NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Elementary Spanish I

**Course #:** SPA\* 101

**Course Description:** 3 credits

Designed to give beginning students early and successful experiences with reading, understanding, speaking, and writing Spanish, as well as an introduction to Hispanic culture.

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** None.

**Goals:** Specific goals include attaining at least a novice level of oral proficiency, or the ability to participate in basic conversations using learned material to handle simple needs and to express everyday courtesies. Students will begin to talk about themselves and their preferences, activities, and interests in the present (simple and progressive tenses) and idiomatic future. They will learn to greet others, introduce themselves, handle basic social situations, obtain food and clothing and talk about a variety of topics of common interest.

**Outcomes:** By the end of the semester students should be able to:

- Sustain simple conversations using learned vocabulary to express simple needs and everyday courtesies.
- Use vocabulary and verbs to talk about yourself and your preferences, activities and interests in present and idiomatic future.
- Greet others, introduce yourself, handle basic social situations, discuss academic topics and related vocabulary, and travel-related topics and vocabulary, as well as a variety of topics of common interest.
- Obtain knowledge of vocabulary associated with: classroom and academic life; family members; professions and occupations; pastimes and sports; numbers; days of the week; telling time; months; seasons; colors; vacation and travel; descriptive adjectives.
- Learn grammatical structures: subject pronouns, articles and gender; possession; the verbs: hay; ir; ser & estar; articles and nouns; regular -ar, -er, & -ir present and progressive tense verbs, and the irregular verbs tener, venir, and other common irregular verbs; direct object nouns and pronouns.
- Comprehend and communicate in situations related to above topics and write with noun, adjective and verb agreement.