

## COURSE EVALUATION FORM: SPANISH 120

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Yale University  
Department of Spanish and Portuguese  
Spring 2012

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2.- Did the course fulfill your expectations?

Yes, I am able to talk casually with friends in Spanish now. The course was good and grading was fair.

3.- The book (Puntos de Partida) was helpful and gave clear grammatical explanations.

Yes. Not much to say on this, other than I thought it helped me learn very well.

4.- How useful and interesting were the literary readings related to each chapter as well as Un día de éstos by García Márquez and El Quijote by Cervantes? Did they target the appropriate level for the class?

Yes. The readings were difficult enough to push me, but still simple enough so where I could comprehend it.

5.- Were the cultural topics presented during the semester of interest to you? Explain.

Yes, however I think they were focused on too much in class. It didn't really help me learn Spanish, but it took up a lot of time in and out of class.

6.- How did the oral presentation enhanced your cultural awareness? Explain.

It didn't really. I learned some facts about the countries, but I don't think you can learn too much without actually visiting.

7.- Did you enjoy the "proyecto de escritura" and writing your own short story? Explain.

It was one of my favorite activities all year. The topic made it so you would use most of the grammar that was learned throughout the year without restricting what you wanted to write about.

8.- Was the movie Al otro lado a cultural learning experience? How?

Yes, the ability to see the things happening with your own eyes helped a lot.

9.- List the major strengths of the course.

I think course was really balanced. I never felt a time where I was overwhelmed and I never felt like we were progressing too slowly/fastly.

10.- How might the course be improved? Be specific. I think on the more complicated assignments, the instructor should speak a little English. At times, I was unclear on what we were doing and wasted time trying to figure it out. But only.

11.- Overall, this course is:  excellent  very good  good  satisfactory  poor

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13.- Other comments for instructors should English be spoken. Just so we can focus on the assignment as opposed to figuring out what it is.

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The course did fulfill my expectations, but it was a big step up from L1. I wish L1 prepared me a little more.

3.- The book (Puntos de Partida) was helpful and gave clear grammatical explanations.

I thought the book was pretty helpful, but some of the explanations could have been better.

4.- How useful and interesting were the literary readings related to each chapter as well as Un día de éstos by García Márquez and El Quijote by Cervantes? Did they target the appropriate level for the class?

I thought they were interesting, but I think they were too difficult. It took me a long time to understand the readings.

5.- Were the cultural topics presented during the semester of interest to you? Explain.

I thought they were pretty interesting. They were better than just reading culture.

6.- How did the oral presentation enhanced your cultural awareness? Explain.

I don't think enhanced my cultural awareness that much. I know more about my own country, but not much about the others.

7.- Did you enjoy the "proyecto de escritura" and writing your own short story? Explain.

I did enjoy it because I was able to show my creativity and work with classmates.

8.- Was the movie Al otro lado a cultural learning experience? How?

I didn't think it was a cultural learning experience. It was hard to gain anything from the movie because I had to pay attention to the subtitles in order to understand the movie.

9.- List the major strengths of the course.

I think one of the strengths was Tanya. She was a great teacher and she was always available to help. She made understanding the language much easier.

10.- How might the course be improved? Be specific. I think L1 and L2 should

focus more on grammar and verbs and L3 and L4 should focus on literature and culture because then it would be easier to understand.

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2.- Did the course fulfill your expectations?

Absolutely - I would take it again in a heartbeat

3.- The book (Puntos de Partida) was helpful and gave clear grammatical explanations.

I'd give the book a 9/10. Very useful most of the time, every once in a while lacked sufficient grammar examples

4.- How useful and interesting were the literary readings related to each chapter as well as Un día de éstos by García Márquez and El Quijote by Cervantes? Did they target the appropriate level for the class?

They targeted the appropriate level, but I would have spent more time on them

5.- Were the cultural topics presented during the semester of interest to you? Explain.

They were interesting, a good way to practice oral and listening skills

6.- How did the oral presentation enhanced your cultural awareness? Explain.

Didn't really do much to enhance "cultural awareness". Saw them more as a tool to practice speaking

7.- Did you enjoy the "proyecto de escritura" and writing your own short story? Explain.

Not particularly. One page isn't enough space to start anything creative

8.- Was the movie *Al otro lado* a cultural learning experience? How?

It was interesting, but again, saw it more as a way to practice my listening skills than as a cultural thing. Perhaps that's because I'm not as interested in the culture in the moment, more on learning to

9.- List the major strengths of the course.

A lot of emphasis placed on speaking, which I loved. Also a fair amount of useful activities

10.- How might the course be improved? Be specific. At times it felt as if there

were too many activities. <sup>Also</sup> We did a lot of these, but I really loved the speaking exercises. More would have been

11.- Overall, this course is:  excellent  very good  good  satisfactory  poor  great.

12.- Overall, the instructor is:  excellent  very good  good  satisfactory  poor

13.- Other comments

Tanya was an amazing instructor. I never felt uncomfortable

trying something new in the language with her, which is the first time that's ever happened for me in a language class

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Un día de éstos was difficult to understand. I understood El Quijote because I have read it in English before.

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Yes, I learned a lot about South America.

- 6.- How did the oral presentation enhanced your cultural awareness? Explain.

I became aware of topics and issues that I previously knew nothing about.

- 7.- Did you enjoy the "proyecto de escritura" and writing your own short story? Explain.

It was alright but nothing special.

- 8.- Was the movie Al otro lado a cultural learning experience? How?

Yes, because I had never seen it and don't usually watch Spanish language movies.

- 9.- List the major strengths of the course.

It is a good way to begin learning Spanish.

- 10.- How might the course be improved? Be specific. Homework could be spread out more. Some days we wouldn't have any and other days we had too much. Also I got too many emails.

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- 13.- Other comments Professor González is the perfect mix of professional and accessible. Her classes are interesting and productive and she is always prepared to meet for extra help.





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yes, although having taken LI not at Yale, the course assured knowledge I did not have

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The book was not always clear

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Interesting + good practice, although a waste to have such content on the exam

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No - I could have done this myself. A waste of class time

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It was nice to have sample of written work

8.- Was the movie Al otro lado a cultural learning experience? How?

Yes - I was not aware of Moroccan traditions

9.- List the major strengths of the course.

Vocabulary foundation, grammar

10.- How might the course be improved? Be specific. Culture not relevant enough (too much time spent

and too little info gotten) Homework should not be graded for accuracy

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The partida reading was intellectually stimulating  
el Quijote seemed trivial because we were  
only reading a chapter.

5.- Were the cultural topics presented during the semester of interest to you? Explain.

Yes, although they were increasingly simplified.

6.- How did the oral presentation enhanced your cultural awareness? Explain.

I forced me to do in depth research about a  
topic, which was particularly fun.

7.- Did you enjoy the "proyecto de escritura" and writing your own short story? Explain.

I thought the short story was a fun creative  
experience which allowed us to use language.

8.- Was the movie Al otro lado a cultural learning experience? How?

No.

9.- List the major strengths of the course.

I thought the constant team work was great  
because it allowed us to be free to use the  
language without fear of criticism.

10.- How might the course be improved? Be specific. weakly oral exam

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Homework everyday is excessive. However, the  
workbook paper was simply time filler rather than  
intellectually challenging

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Yes - it was a great introductory language course. I was lucky to have two fantastic professors in SPAN 110 + 120.

3.- The book (Puntos de Partida) was helpful and gave clear grammatical explanations.

Yes - the book was well organized, clearly worded, and interesting.

4.- How useful and interesting were the literary readings related to each chapter as well as Un día de éstos by García Márquez and El Quijote by Cervantes? Did they target the appropriate level for the class?

Absolutely. It was so cool to be able to read such famous authors in the original Spanish.

5.- Were the cultural topics presented during the semester of interest to you? Explain.

Sort of. Everything except the political stuff.

6.- How did the oral presentation enhanced your cultural awareness? Explain.

They were fun to make and to listen to - I definitely learned some things about Spanish-speaking countries.

7.- Did you enjoy the "proyecto de escritura" and writing your own short story? Explain.

It was okay - kind of poorly organized though. The stuff with the líderes was totally unnecessary.

8.- Was the movie Al otro lado a cultural learning experience? How?

Yes. It took place in 4 different countries, 3 of them Spanish-speaking. I really enjoyed this movie. It was GREAT that it was made available on classesV2.

9.- List the major strengths of the course.

Professor Tanya was the best part of the course. She was a great combination of tough and encouraging. The textbook was also good.

10.- How might the course be improved? Be specific. The syllabus was so confusing.

The online activities were not helpful enough to be worth the effort. Some of the workbook exercises were not helpful.

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→ I think so but I never went — Yale is too busy!

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Yes. It's a great seminar class with lots of student-professor interaction and a very fast learning curve - my Spanish has improved unbelievably.

3.- The book (Puntos de Partida) was helpful and gave clear grammatical explanations.

Yes, I like this book - the grammar is explained very clearly and there are many examples of usage.

4.- How useful and interesting were the literary readings related to each chapter as well as Un día de éstos by García Márquez and El Quijote by Cervantes? Did they target the appropriate level for the class?

They were really cool to read at this level - I felt like I'd made such progress to be able to understand these real literary readings.

(But lots of vocab to look up!)

5.- Were the cultural topics presented during the semester of interest to you? Explain.

There were many interesting things about the culture topics - my favourite was researching my own presentation as there was so much interesting material to read.

6.- How did the oral presentation enhanced your cultural awareness? Explain.

It was great! Loved the opportunity to research in Spanish, and my prof Tanya was great at reminding us to prepare lots ahead of time.

7.- Did you enjoy the "proyecto de escritura" and writing your own short story? Explain.

Yes this was very fun - it's such a great idea because I felt such accomplishment that I could write my own story.

8.- Was the movie Al otro lado a cultural learning experience? How?

Loved it. It really connects the different cultures we've learned about and relates these people to us and each other.

9.- List the major strengths of the course.

Such a fast learning curve which is very fun.

Best part: Super fun and exciting prof Tanya.

10.- How might the course be improved? Be specific.

If we could do something outside the classroom as a class that might help bond the group a bit more.

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12.- Overall, the instructor is:  excellent  very good  good  satisfactory  poor

13.- Other comments

Thank you so much Tanya for making this class so enjoyable and exciting!

Learn so much and learn so well!



## COURSE EVALUATION FORM: SPANISH 120

*This evaluation is anonymous. Your instructor will receive it next semester.*

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Instructor's name: Tanya Romero-González (section 12)

Please express your opinion of the following statements

1. Strongly disagree
2. Disagree
3. Agree with some reservations
4. Agree
5. Strongly agree

### The course:

1. The course syllabus was clear and well organized	1	2	3	4	5
2. Workbook assignments were a useful review of grammar and vocabulary	1	2	3	4	5
3. Lab homework helped me improve my aural comprehension	1	2	3	4	5
4. Homework was graded fairly by the grader	1	2	3	4	5
5. Compositions helped me improve my language proficiency	1	2	3	4	5
6. Exams and quizzes were fair	1	2	3	4	5

### The instructor...

7. showed thorough knowledge of the material	1	2	3	4	5
8. delivered clear, organized explanations	1	2	3	4	5
9. planned class activities in detail	1	2	3	4	5
10. used Spanish at all times	1	2	3	4	5
11. graded fairly	1	2	3	4	5
12. encouraged students to speak in the target language	1	2	3	4	5
13. was available during office hours	1	2	3	4	5
14. was always punctual	1	2	3	4	5
15. suggested ways for students to improve	1	2	3	4	5
16. used technology in class	1	2	3	4	5
17. used corrected feedback to help you improve your language output	1	2	3	4	5

*(please answer questions on the back of this sheet)*