

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION
SPAN 132 01 - Fall 2013

Looking back on Spanish 132 01, what is your overall assessment of the course? What are its strengths and weaknesses, and in what ways might it be improved?

- Professor Alexandrov is great! She really cares about everybody. She wants to see us improve, and she's extremely entertaining. It's a small class, so everyone gets close. I think it's great all around.
- Fantastic. I cannot say enough how much I absolutely loved this class and professor Alexandrov.
- This is an incredible class. It helped me with my grammar, reading, and writing in a way that was extremely efficient. I never felt like this class was actual work because I felt like I was learning the entire time.
- I loved this class. I've never been in the situation where I actually liked to go to a language class because I've always been so intimidated to speak in front of people, even my peers. But this class changed all that--I was able to learn and grow in an intimidation-free environment, with awesome classmates and a wonderful professor!
- This was by far one of my favorite classes at Yale because there is an incredibly relaxed yet productive attitude in class.
- Overall this class is great. I feel like the material we covered was well organized. The work load was healthy. The readings and movies were interesting. The exams were reasonable. And the activities we did to apply our language studies were usually pretty cool and fun. Most importantly, Professor Alexandrov is awesome! This is such a well designed class for heritage speakers that have a minimal academic background in Spanish! It feels like the class is very well "calibrated" if that makes any sense...

Please evaluate each instructor of Spanish 132 01 . What are the instructor's strengths and weaknesses, and in what ways might his or her teaching be improved?

- Professor Sybil is funny, entertaining, caring, and she's a great baker. I think she tries really hard to make us understand and be a good professor. She really cares about our feedback. She always asks us what she can do better, or what we like, what we don't like. She does her job well.
- Profesora Alexandrov is passionate about Spanish and extremely helpful. She understands that everyone is on a different level. She understands how important Spanish is for all of us. She was always prepared to help and give constructive feedback!
- ABSOLUTELY LOVE HER! Profesora alexandrov is probably the best instructor I've

had at Yale thus far. She was very willing to help us and constantly made us feel like we belonged in the class. She also was very aware of when we knew a lot about something and didn't need to go over it thoroughly and when we needed to spend more time on a topic. She also baked for us, which was epic.

She is amazing. Sassy, kind, funny, knowledgeable, all the best traits rolled into one professor. I'm so glad she teaches this course!

- Profesora was a great teacher. She altered the class to the strengths and weaknesses of our class and was always available.
- Professor Alexandrov is an amazing instructor! I really can't say enough good things about her. She is so dedicated to her students. She is responsive to emails and is very accessible outside of the classroom. She makes the material fun, gets everyone in the class involved, and really goes above and beyond to help you learn the material. As a separate note, I also felt like the class had a high level of camaraderie, and I think that's largely because of Alexandrov. In short, she's awesome!

How would you summarize Spanish 132 01 for a fellow student? Would you recommend Spanish 132 01 to another student? Why or why not?

- I recommend Spanish 132 to anyone who is around Spanish at home, but has grammar issues, or problems speaking it formally. It's a great class! Professor Sybil is awesome.
- Please take this class. You will get a decent grasp of Spanish grammar and you will be taught by one of the most passionate and helpful professors at Yale. The work and comments are individualized so you'll get an experience catered to helping you!
- An excellent course for students wishing to gain better reading, writing, and grammar abilities. The whole class is conducted in Spanish, which really helps for speaking and understanding. Also, the workload is manageable but helpful and the instructor is fantastic.
- If you are a heritage student, take this class! The speed of my speaking ability has improved, as well as my comprehension and vocab. I am sure that this class is better for heritage students than the other language classes, because the professor really works to cater to our needs. So glad there is another semester of this class!
- This is a must take for heritage speakers!
- Yes, this class is perfect for heritage speakers. If you had exposure to Spanish in the past (whether through relatives or lots of traveling) but haven't studied it much academically, this class will probably be a good fit for you.

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Looking back on Spanish 132 01, what is your overall assessment of the course? What are its strengths and weaknesses, and in what ways might it be improved?

- Spanish 132 was my favorite course of this fall term. Everything about it is perfect.
- Excellent course over all.
- This class is strong when it comes to building understanding of grammar through discussion of materials.
It was fantastic with a great professor
- I enjoyed the class a lot. We practice the grammar through written activities that focus specifically on it, as well as through the longer essays that we write. We also improve our oral skills through the discussions we have over the stories we read and the movies we watch. Sybil is a very understanding person that only wants her students to succeed, so you can talk to her or get help from her whenever you need it.
- It was a great course, building on what I already knew and helping to explain the nuances of grammar and language. The small class and the professor's style helped provide a comfortable environment for learning and practicing Spanish, no matter at what level students are.
- This is an excellent class. The small setting was conducive to excellent discussions and group work. The tri-weekly meetings were also a good amount of time. The professor is excellent and well-qualified to teach this class. Overall, the material is interesting and insightful. The frequent writing assignments are also helpful and necessary. I would include more music and poetry in the course.
- The course not only taught me something I thought I'd never fully learn, but also empowered me as a member of the Hispanic community. The course was very personal and was based on what we needed to learn rather than what ought to be taught, so to speak.

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- Professor Alexandrov is a compassionate teacher who always does what is best for us. She is flexible with the syllabus and course schedule so that she takes time to focus on whatever we're struggling with. I have no complaints about Professor Alexandrov.
- Fabulous instructor.
Professor Alexandrov is amazing in her capacity to tailor her class to her students in a way that benefits the entire class.
- She really tries to help her students. At times she can be a bit condescending.
Sybil really focuses on the details, which I personally enjoyed because grammar is

just that, small details. What I mean by this is that, for example, whenever we do writing in class, she goes around and checks everyone's writing. This attention to each individual is also evident in the way she sees the mistakes that you repeatedly make and assigns homework to help you with your specific problems. She's a very one-on-one type of person (having a class of 12 or so students helps) and so she does help you get better.

- The instructor was always available to assist students and has constructed a class which builds upon and strengthens students' prior knowledge and understanding of Spanish. The variety of media used, from watching and discussing films to reading short stories to understand vocabulary and learn history, was excellent.
- Professor Alexandrov is an excellent professor. She is creative and presents the different grammatical points in a way that is interesting and easy to learn. She also helps meet each student where they are in their language development and fosters a unique bond between the students.
- Professor Alexandrov is nothing short of an academic goddess. She is inspiring and really cares about her students, in class, in recruiting us for the class, and outside.

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- ¡Si! I would definitely recommend this class to other Spanish Heritage speakers. This class has a nice balance between the TYPES of assignments students have to complete. For example, there are basic grammar skills one has to learn (like any other language course), five escrituras, and we have to watch about five movies that convey messages/themes that are pertinent to Latin American countries. If you want a class where you ACTUALLY want to wake up in the morning to go to, THIS is the class!
- Spanish 132 is the perfect Spanish class for those who were raised speaking Spanish but do not have a good grasp on grammar and speaking professionally in Spanish. I would recommend this class to any student who wants to improve their Spanish in order to better communicate with their family and avoid being called a "gringo."
- Spanish 132 01 is a class for native Spanish speakers (or anyone who has lived in a Spanish speaking country). It is an amazing class in many aspects, especially when it comes to the classroom atmosphere. Since it is such a small class, you will get close to your classmates in a very real way. It is a very inviting atmosphere.
- I would recommend the course.
- This is a great course if you want to strengthen your understanding of Spanish. I grew up with the language yet had never taken an actual course, so I was glad to find a class that provided a comfortable and encouraging environment for me to improve my fluency. The workload is good and varied -- including short stories and films -- , and really helps students learn different grammar concepts or vocabulary. The instructor focused on helping students improve their understanding and fluency, without a focus on the practical uses of grammar, rather than the nuances or details.
- I would recommend this class to any Spanish Heritage speaker. It is an excellent and

fun class. The work load is manageable and you will notice an increase in your proficiency in Spanish.

- Yes!

How would you summarize Spanish 132 01 for a fellow student? Would you recommend Spanish 132 01 to another student? Why or why not?

- I would highly recommend this class if you want a fun class that you literally look forward to every week. The topics are so interesting and there's a lot of emphasis on culture, which is great.
- As a Latin-American Heritage student with an unstable footing in my native tongue, Spanish for Heritage Speakers was an open and nonjudgmental class for students of all levels to improve their grammatical skills and encourage complex conversation. It loosened my tongue and helped correct my errors in speaking and writing.
- It is a great course if you are comfortable with understanding Spanish, but have problems with grammar.
- I would definitely recommend this class for those who have good experience in spoken Spanish but who feel their grammar and writing need improvement. It's a really enjoyable class that moves at a comfortable pace.
- Spanish 132 is the place to go if you are (like me) one of those Latinos who didn't grow up speaking Spanish but grew up culturally Hispanic. Professor Alexandrov explains WHY certain spelling and grammatical rules apply to the language which can make all the difference in what a student retains. If you are Latino and want to be a better speaker of your own language, take this class. It's a very manageable (and fun) way to do it.
- Take it! Especially if you are a native speaker and you cannot write or do grammar to save your life. You'll learn a lot.
- Yes, I can recommend this class for anyone who views learning Spanish as a chore. It is ok if you cannot write or speak fluently, but do not take this class if you cannot already understand/comprehend Spanish.
- Take it!! Alexandrov is a great teacher! She's very nice, intelligent, helpful, grades fairly, and gives less homework than most classes. This class is designed for people who need help with grammar, tenses, expanding vocabulary, and improving writing skills. You don't really analyze literature or read long texts -- main focus is on mastering the grammar. And it only meets three times a week!
- Totally take this class. Good professor who pushes you to learn a lot, while giving you a
- The greatest thing possible for a native speaker whose Spanish is rusty. You learn about Spanish grammar, watch a few movies (they're all wonderful) in Spanish, and the homework isn't too bad at all. Great course: my favorite this semester, and I suck at Spanish hehe.
- The students in Span 132 probably speak and converse at a level higher than L5. However, other skills such as grammar, writing and academic comprehension are emphasized.
- Spanish 132 is very good for students who are familiar with the language in a first-hand

experience, such as having the language spoken at home. A lot of the topics covered are familiar, but they provide an understanding that goes beyond "Well, I say it this way because it sounds right."

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION SPAN 132 01 - Fall 2010

Looking back on Spanish 132 01, what is your overall assessment of the course? What are its strengths and weaknesses, and in what ways might it be improved?

- Spanish 132 01 is a course that allows one to practice their oral and written Spanish. It has several helpful assignments that help students to become a more fluent Spanish speaker and a more grammatically-correct Spanish writer. There are also reading assignments that help students comprehend Spanish literature as well.
- The class is difficult to teach. We all have different levels of proficiency in Spanish but our professor made sure everyone was on board. I particularly enjoyed the class' flexibility. We had a say in what we were learning and were able to focus on topics dealing with heritage speakers.

Please evaluate each instructor of Spanish 132 01. What are the instructor's strengths and weaknesses, and in what ways might his/her teaching be improved?

- Professor Alexandrov is a phenomenal Spanish teacher who makes every class interesting and fun. She is very animated throughout her classes and picks interesting readings and movies for her class. Her assignments spark interesting discussions and, in the meantime, help students become more familiar with the Spanish language.
- Great in every single way. I feel lucky and privileged to have had Professor Alexandrov as a professor.

How would you summarize Spanish 132 01 for a fellow student? Would you recommend Spanish 132 01 to another student? Why or why not?

- Taking Spanish 132 01 is a great way to help students keep up their Spanish and to become more masterful with Spanish grammar. I would recommend this course to any student who wishes to practice Spanish and have a great time doing it!
- YES!