

Syllabus

Spanish 3, Semester A

Course Overview

Learning a language is a multi-faceted experience in which you are introduced to a whole new set of words and ways of expressing yourself with words, along with new cultures formed by people who have been speaking that language for centuries. The Spanish-speaking world is vast and rich, spanning Spain in the Iberian Peninsula and many parts of North, Central, and South America, all with varied ethnic and political histories and cultures.

In Spanish 3A, you'll be reintroduced to Spanish in common situations, beginning with various daily routines, describing friends and family, childhood memories and activities, and childhood hopes and aspirations. You'll discuss and describe art, such as paintings and sculptures, and literature, such as novels and novellas, and give reactions and form opinions about art and literature. You'll also understand the process of selecting and applying to a university, aspirations at the university, and dealing with leaving home and moving into a dormitory. Further, you will describe university life and expectations from the university experience. You'll explore the dynamics and challenges of multiethnic and developing societies, environmental and social issues, causes and possible resolutions, and learning about unfamiliar countries using technology. Finally, you'll discuss current events reported in the media, different types of classified and other types of advertisement in the media (both print and online), the sections and supplements of a newspaper or magazine, and various jobs available in the media.

You'll build on what you learned in Spanish 2 to communicate by listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish as you internalize new vocabulary and grammar. You'll also learn about some regions of the Spanish-speaking world where the central characters of each unit are visiting. You will build on this semester's work as you advance in your Spanish studies: everything that you learn about a language and the cultures in which it is spoken will serve as a foundation for further learning.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Review subject pronouns, reflexive verbs and reflexive pronouns, possessive adjectives, and definite and indefinite articles.

- Review the present tense, the preterite tense, the imperfect tense, and the present subjunctive forms of regular, irregular, and stem-changing verbs, and some verbs that have a special meaning in the preterite.
- Review adjectives for nationalities, personality and physical traits, size, color, and emotions, and noun-adjective agreement, and review adverbs of time and sequencing terms.
- Use the construction preterite + **hace** + time to express how long ago something happened.
- Use comparatives and superlatives.
- Understand the different meanings and uses of the verbs **ser** and **estar**.
- Use verbs like **gustar** (**gustar, faltar, encantar, parecer, aburrir, fascinar, interesar, disgustar**) with indirect object pronouns, and review direct and indirect object pronouns.
- Use the regular and irregular conditional mood, the present progressive tense, and the regular and irregular future tense, and the phrase **ir + a + infinitive**.
- Use the imperfect progressive and the future progressive tense.
- Understand the use and formation of negative and affirmative **tú, nosotros, usted,** and **ustedes** commands, and the correct placement of direct and indirect object pronouns (and double object pronouns) when using commands.
- Use the imperfect subjunctive, the imperfect subjunctive with **si** clauses, and the conditional mood with the imperfect subjunctive.
- Use adverbial conjunctions of time and the subjunctive with adverbial conjunctives of time, and introduce and use contrasting (adversative) conjunctions.

Language Skills

Spanish 2 is a prerequisite course for Spanish 3A. The following fundamental concepts and skills will be helpful.

- a basic knowledge of parts of speech, such as noun, verb, subject, adjective, and adverb
- the ability to read and speak English and compose paragraphs or lines of dialogue that form a coherent whole
- a basic understanding of world geography (particularly that of Latin America and Spain)

General Skills

To participate in this course, you should be able to do the following activities:

- Work with word processing software such as Microsoft Word or Google Docs.
- Work with presentation software such as Microsoft Power Point.
- Do research online using various search engines and library databases.

- Communicate through email and participate in discussion boards.

For a complete list of general skills that are required for participation in online courses, refer to the Prerequisites section of the Plato Student Orientation document.

Credit Value

Spanish 3A is a 0.5-credit course.

Tips for Language Learning

- Relax and enjoy yourself: To continue learning a new language, you will build on what you have already learned and incorporate new vocabulary and grammar concepts with the old, increasing your ability to communicate by listening, speaking, reading, and writing as you progress. To foster your progress, concentrate on communicating, not on using a new language beyond your current abilities. You will make errors, so look for improvement in your ability to communicate rather than perfect replication of the language you are learning.
- Immerse yourself in the language as much as you can. Replay audio, especially extended audio passages, to gain familiarity with the sound and meanings of the language. Look for opportunities to learn songs and watch multimedia content in the language.
- Use the mobile games that are packaged with this course to increase your fluency and comprehension of the language.
- Take advantage of and create additional opportunities besides those offered in the course to communicate in the language in everyday situations.
 - Use the audio recorder device provided with this course package (or any other recording device installed on your PC) to practice speaking, and play back your recordings to check for vocabulary and grammar usage and clarity of pronunciation (not perfection).
 - Practice reading the language aloud.
 - Use the discussion forums provided to practice communicating in written form with other learners.
 - Look for online language practice chat forums and real-life situations in which you can use the language, at whatever level you are comfortable with.
- Use the opportunities offered in the course to compare your responses with the sample answers provided in written form or as audio files. Your responses need not be exactly the same as the sample answers; rather, you should check for correctness of vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. If you're in doubt, you may consult your teacher (or anyone else you know who is proficient in Spanish).
- Learn the language in the context of the words and the situations in which they are used, instead of learning by a process of translation between Spanish and English.

Mobile Games for Language Learning

Each lesson in this language course includes a game that is available on mobile devices and is designed to help you practice your listening and comprehension skills, whether you're in class or on the go.

Each game is based on one of these three game engines.

- **Word Swat.** You will see a question prompt, and then answer options will start to float from the top of the screen to the bottom. You must tap the correct option before it hits the bottom of the screen. This game is intended to reinforce grammar and vocabulary.
- **Stop that Snake.** You will hear or see a question or a prompt and fill in the blank boxes by typing on a QWERTY keypad within a specified time limit. This game helps you work on vocabulary and grammatical concepts.
- **Word Pop.** You will hear a series of words forming a sentence. Then floating bubbles will appear on screen, each with a word or phrase in it. You must tap to pop the bubbles that contain words that were part of the sentence you heard. For each correct bubble that is tapped, you gain points. You lose points for each incorrect bubble you tap. This is a fast-paced game that helps you focus on your listening skills and comprehension.

To gain access to the language games, you will need to use one of the following types of devices:

Apple iPads, iPhones, or iPod Touch devices using iOS 4 or later, tablets or phones running the Android OS v2.3 or later.

Here are the steps and requirements for getting to the games:

For IOS devices: Visit the [Apple Mobile App store](#) in iTunes or on your device. Find the Plato World Languages Games app that matches your language and semester. Download the app, launch it, and use your PLE credentials to log in.

For Android devices: Visit [Google PLAY](#) on your PC or device. Find the Plato World Languages Games app that matches your language and semester. Download the app, launch it, and use your PLE credentials to log in.

The first time you launch the installed app for a certain semester on a certain mobile device, you must establish that you are a Plato customer and are part of a district or school with licenses for the semester of languages at hand. To do this, you will enter your normal PLE login credentials, including *Account Login*, *Plato Name*, and *Password*. Then you will be able to open and play games directly on a designated device for one semester's worth of games. This access will last for one

year from the date of authentication. If you continue to be a PLE user and your school continues to license the language courses, you can re-authenticate to unlock the games for an additional year.

Course Materials

- Notebook
- Presentation software
- Computer with Internet connection and speakers or headphones
- Recording device on your computer for practicing and for teacher-submitted audio tasks
- Microsoft Word or equivalent
- Microsoft Excel or equivalent

Course Pacing Guide

This course description and pacing guide is intended to help you keep on schedule with your work. Note that your course instructor may modify the schedule to meet the specific needs of your class.

Unit 1: El pasado

Summary

In this unit, which is set in San Juan, Puerto Rico, you will describe daily routines and tasks. You will review and expand your vocabulary for family, friends, and how to describe them, such as their personality and physical traits, hobbies, and interests. Next, you will discuss childhood memories and games and activities that children enjoy. To conclude, you will discuss childhood aspirations, hopes, and dreams.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
1 day: 1	Syllabus and Plato Student Orientation <i>Review the Plato Student Orientation and Course Syllabus at the beginning of this course.</i>	Course Orientation
3 days: 2-4	La vida diaria <i>Describe daily routines.</i> Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use subject pronouns (YO, TÚ, ÉL, ELLA, USTED, NOSOTROS, VOSOTROS, ELLOS, ELLAS, USTEDES).</i> • <i>Use present tense: regular and some irregular verbs (HACER, PONER, TENER, DECIR, SALIR, VENIR,</i> 	Lesson and Discussion

	<p>TRAER, CAER).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use stem-change reflexive verbs related to daily routine, such as DESPERTARSE, LEVANTARSE, DUCHARSE, MAQUILLARSE, CEPILLARSE, DESVESTIRSE, etc. • Use possessive adjectives, such as: MI(S) – MY; TU(S) – YOUR; SU(S) - HIS, HER, YOUR, THEIR; NUESTRO (-A, -OS, -AS) – OUR; VUESTRO (-A, -OS, -AS) – YOUR. • Use articles with body parts in the context of reflexive verbs. • Review masculine and feminine, singular and plural definite and indefinite articles. 	
4 days: 5-8	<p>La familia y los amigos Describe family and friends and their personalities, backgrounds, and interests. Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use correct masculine and feminine definite and indefinite articles. • Use correct noun-adjective agreement. • Use the preterite tense. • Use the imperfect tense appropriately. • Use nouns related to relationships and hobbies. • Use adjectives to describe personality traits. • Use nationalities as both adjectives and nouns and apply correct capitalization rules. • Understand and distinguish between SABER and CONOCER. 	Lesson and Discussion
3 days: 9-11	<p>Los recuerdos de la infancia Describe childhood memories and childhood activities. Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use imperfect and preterite tenses of regular and irregular verbs. • Use preterite tense + HACE + time to express how long ago something happened. • Use nouns related to childhood activities. • Use verbs related to childhood. • Use adjectives related to childhood. 	Lesson and Discussion
3 days: 12-14	<p>Los sueños de la infancia Discuss and compare childhood aspirations. Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p>	Lesson and Discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the special meanings of verbs in the preterite tense (QUERER, CONOCER, SABER, PODER). • Use comparisons and superlatives. 	
3 days: 15–17	Unit Activity—Unit 1	Unit Activity
1 day: 18	Posttest—Unit 1	Assessment

Unit 2: El arte y la literatura

Summary

In this unit, which is set in Madrid, Spain, you will discuss art, such as paintings, sculptures, and literature. This unit begins with you describing art and forming personal opinions about works of art. Then you will describe and discuss reactions to famous sculptures. You will learn to describe literature and the main literary genres, expressing likes and dislikes in terms of literature. To conclude, you will discuss feelings and emotional reactions that art and literature can evoke in people.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 19-21	<p>El arte y los artistas <i>Describe and express opinions about works of art.</i> Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State opinions using PENSAR, CREER, ADMIRAR, ENCONTRAR, etc. • Use vocabulary related to expressing opinions about art: A DECIR VERDAD (to tell the truth), PARA SER HONESTO (to be honest), DE MUY MAL GUSTO (in very bad taste), etc. • Use vocabulary to talk about elements in artwork. • Use adjectives of size and adjectives used to describe art. • Use adjectives of emotion (happy, sad, angry), etc. 	Lesson and Discussion
3 days: 22-24	<p>La escultura <i>Demonstrate ability to state reactions to sculptures and other works of art.</i> Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p>	Lesson and Discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine when to use SER or ESTAR. • Correctly use idiomatic expressions with ESTAR. • Understand the changes of meaning depending on use of SER or ESTAR. • Understand the basic concept of the present subjunctive mood, specifically in expressions such as “I am not in agreement that...,” which trigger the subjunctive. 	
4 days: 25-28	<p>La literatura Discuss Spanish literature and literary genres. Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use verbs like GUSTAR with indirect object pronouns correctly (GUSTAR, FALTAR, ENCANTAR, PARECER, ABURRIR, FASCINAR, INTERESAR, DISGUSTAR) in the affirmative and negative. • Understand Arabic origins of Spanish words (AZUL, NARANJA, ALFOMBRA, AÑIL, AZÚCAR, CAFÉ, HASTA, LOCO, etc.). • Use vocabulary related to literature and literary genres. • Use the present subjunctive as appropriate. 	Lesson and Discussion
4 days: 29-32	<p>Opiniones acerca del arte y la literatura Describe opinions about and emotional reactions evoked by art works and literary works. Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use preterite tense stem-changing verbs, such as SENTIR, PREFERIR, SUGERIR, DORMIR, MORIR, PEDIR, SERVIR, REPETIR, SEGUIR, SONREIR, DIVERTIRSE, VESTIR, etc. • Use preterite tense of DAR and VER. • Review use of verbs GUSTAR, PENSAR, CREER, ADMIRAR, ENCONTRAR, etc. in the present tense to state opinions. • Review adjectives of emotion (FELIZ, TRISTE, ENOJADO, PACÍFICO) etc. and adjectives related to art (MODERNO, CLÁSICO, ABSTRACTO, BRILLANTE, APAGADO, OSCURO, COLORIDO, etc.). 	Lesson and Discussion
3 days: 33-35	Unit Activity—Unit 2	Unit Activity
1 day: 36	Posttest—Unit 2	Assessment

Unit 3: El futuro

Summary

In this unit, which is set in Caracas, Venezuela, you will discuss selecting and starting university studies. Then you will describe aspirations regarding university studies and how to be successful there. You will describe life at a university and what to expect on campus. You will conclude with a discussion about the challenges involved in leaving home and high school and moving into a university dormitory.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
4 days: 37-40	<p>Prepararse para la universidad <i>Discuss preparing to leave for college.</i> Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use regular conditional tense. • Use irregular conditional tense (CABER, HABER, PODER, QUERER, SABER, PONER, SALIR, TENER, VALER, VENIR, DECIR, HACER) • Use regular future tense. • Use irregular future tense (same as irregular verbs in conditional). • Use IR + A + infinitive to indicate doing something in the near future. • Identify and use sequencing terms (PRIMERO, ANTES DE, DESPUÉS DE, FINALMENTE, etc.). • Use ANTES DE/DESPUÉS DE + infinitive. 	Lesson and Discussion
3 days: 41-43	<p>Las realidades de la universidad <i>Discuss future aspirations and how to be successful at a university.</i> Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use present progressive tense (ESTAR + present participle) to describe an action that is in the process of taking place. • Use correct formation of affirmative and negative TÚ commands. • Use correct formation of first person (NOSOTROS) "Let's..." commands. 	Lesson and Discussion
3 days:	<p>La vida en el aula <i>Describe life at a university and what to expect there.</i></p>	Lesson and Discussion

44-46	<p>Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review affirmative and negative TÚ commands. • Distinguish between TÚ commands and USTED/USTEDES commands. • Use affirmative and negative USTED and USTEDES commands correctly. • Demonstrate correct placement and knowledge of rules when using direct and indirect object pronouns with commands. 	
3 days: 47-49	<p>¡Día de mudanza! <i>Discuss the challenges involved in moving to a college or university campus.</i></p> <p>Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use affirmative and negative USTED, USTEDES, and TÚ commands with (double) object pronouns. • Use NOSOTROS commands with (double) object pronouns. • Review direct and indirect object pronouns. • Use vocabulary related to packing and moving. 	Lesson and Discussion
3 days: 50-52	Unit Activity—Unit 3	Unit Activity
1 day: 53	Posttest—Unit 3	Assessment

Unit 4: Los problemas sociales y ambientales

Summary

In this unit, which is set in Buenos Aires, Argentina, you will discuss multi-ethnicity and issues of economic development in Argentina. You will describe how to explore and learn about unfamiliar countries using technology and the Internet. Next, you will discuss environmental issues and their causes in Argentina. You will conclude with a discussion of possible resolutions to various social and environmental problems.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 54-56	<p>Los problemas sociales <i>Discuss sociocultural issues in Argentina.</i></p> <p>Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and discuss social problems in Argentina. 	Lesson and Discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn vocabulary related to social issues, such as LIBERTAD, PRENSA, JUNTA/REUNIÓN, RELIGIÓN, etc. • Use and differentiate between infinitive and subjunctive mood. • Use present subjunctive with impersonal expressions. • Use and form USTED and USTEDES command forms. 	
3 days: 57-59	<p>Explorando un país a través de Internet Use technology to explore an unfamiliar country. Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use technology to learn about different cultures. • Distinguish between fact and opinion. • Use present subjunctive mood (for opinion) and indicative mood (for facts). • Review present subjunctive with impersonal expressions. • Use subjunctive with recommendations. • Review interrogatives. 	Lesson and Discussion
3 days: 60-62	<p>El medio ambiente Discuss environmental issues in Argentina. Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use vocabulary related to the environment, sustainability, and conservation. • Use stem-changing verbs in the present subjunctive (PENSAR, PERDER, CONTAR, VOLVER, DORMIR, SENTIR, PEDIR, QUERER, PREFERIR, SUGERIR, etc.). • Demonstrate understanding of uses of POR and PARA. • Use idioms and expressions with POR and PARA, such as: POR: HABLAR POR ALGUIEN (to speak on someone's behalf), POR ADELANTADO (in advance), POR AHORA (for now), POR CASUALIDAD (by chance), POR DESGRACIA (unfortunately) and PARA: PARA QUE (so that, in order that), PARA SIEMPRE (forever), ESTAR PARA (to be about to), PARA ENTONCES (by that time), etc. 	Lesson and Discussion
4 days: 63-66	<p>La resolución de problemas Discuss various social and environmental issues. Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review vocabulary and verbs related to social and environmental issues. 	Lesson and Discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Propose solutions to social and environmental issues.</i> • <i>Use the imperfect subjunctive.</i> • <i>Use the imperfect subjunctive with SI clauses.</i> • <i>Use conditional tense with imperfect subjunctives.</i> 	
3 days: 67-69	Unit Activity—Unit 4	Unit Activity
1 day: 70	Posttest—Unit 4	Assessment

Unit 5: El periodismo y la opinión pública

Summary

In this unit, which is set in San José, Costa Rica, you will discuss current events that are reported in the media, such as in newspapers, magazines, and online. Then, you will explore the types and the uses of classified and commercial advertisements in print and online media. Next you will learn about the different sections in a newspaper or magazine, such as editorials, letters to the editor, advice columns, features, and also special supplements and their purposes. Finally, you will discuss jobs available in the media.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
4 days: 71-74	<p>Las noticias <i>Discuss articles about current events reported in newspapers, magazines, and online.</i></p> <p>Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use appropriate vocabulary to discuss current events.</i> • <i>Describe articles in newspapers, magazines, and online.</i> • <i>Use the imperfect progressive tense.</i> • <i>Use the preterite and imperfect tenses to express two past events in the same sentence.</i> • <i>Use vocabulary related to newspaper articles.</i> • <i>Use adverbs of time appropriately, such as while (MIENTRAS), when (CUANDO), then (ENTONCES), etc.</i> 	Lesson and Discussion
4 days: 75-78	<p>Los anuncios publicitarios y clasificados <i>Discuss classified ads and commercial advertising.</i></p>	Lesson and Discussion

	<p>Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the ability to read and understand simple social announcements by writing a social announcement (BODA, NACIMIENTO, OBITUARIO, FUNERAL, ANIVERSARIO, GRADUACIÓN, etc.). • Demonstrate the ability to read and understand classified ads and print ads. • Use the subjunctive with adverbial conjunctions of time when the main clause is in the future. • Use adverbial conjunctions of time, such as CUANDO (when), EN CUANTO (as soon as), TAN PRONTO COMO (as soon as), HASTA QUE (until), DESPUÉS DE QUE (after), etc. • Use vocabulary related to classified ads and websites, such as wanted and for sale (in the context of specific categories that are chosen, such as sports, electronics, books, etc.). • Use and form the affirmative and the negative USTED and USTEDES command forms, such as LLAME/LLÁMENME A... NO ME LLAME/LLAMEN ANTES DE LAS X HORAS... ENVÍE/ENVÍEN CORREO ELECTRÓNICO A... NO OLVIDE/OLVIDEN INCLUIR... POR FAVOR LEA/LEAN... etc. 	
<p>3 days: 79-81</p>	<p>Expresar opiniones Discuss editorials, letters to the editor, advice columns, features, and special supplements.</p> <p>Grammar and Vocabulary Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use vocabulary related to letters to the editor, advice columns, feature articles, and special supplements. • Use vocabulary related to writing a formal letter to the editor: ESTIMADO (dear/respected), ATENTAMENTE (sincerely), ARTÍCULO (article), CARTA AL EDITOR (letter to the editor), TITULARES (headlines), etc. • Use contrasting/adversative conjunctions correctly: PERO (but), SINO (but rather), MAS (however), SIN EMBARGO (nevertheless, however), NO OBSTANTE (regardless), CON TODO (even so), EXCEPTO (except), etc. 	<p>Lesson and Discussion</p>
<p>3 days: 82-84</p>	<p>El periodismo Describe various jobs in the media.</p> <p>Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use vocabulary related to professions in the media. 	<p>Lesson and Discussion</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use vocabulary related to media. • Use SER and articles when discussing professions. • Review formation and use of the future progressive (ESTAR [future tense form] + present participle). 	
3 days: 85–87	Unit Activity—Unit 5	Unit Activity
1 day: 88	Posttest—Unit 5	Assessment
1 day: 89	Semester Review	Offline
1 day: 90	End-of-Semester Exam	Assessment