

Florida Atlantic University
Student Perception of Teaching - Instructor Comments Report
Spring 2022

College: AL - D. F. Schmidt Col Arts Letters

Department: Languages Linguistics Comp Lit

Instructor: Rodriguez, Sonia M.

Title: Beg Spanish Lang & Culture 1

Course: SPN1120 Section: 027 CRN: 17438

Student Responses

What did you like most about this course?

Professional

I liked that this course offered extra credit opportunities. It helped my grade a lot. The coursework was flexible to follow and I knew what to get done every week for assignments. Another thing I liked was Professor Rodriguez would email us what assignments were due in case we forgot.

I enjoyed the Connect Assignments and Oral Interviews. Although some Connect Assignments were extremely hard in such short time, they were super informative regarding the language as a whole. The Oral Interviews were somewhat intimidating, however, fun to complete. Professor Rodriguez was super nice and very informative. She definitely expects you to put the effort forward and work towards your goal.

Assignments were due the same time everyweek which allowed us to remember a schedule.

How could this course be improved?

Very difficult class for students who know little to no Spanish. Things could be improved by starting with very basic Spanish words and numbers. It was very difficult to focus on learning an entire new language and taking 3 other classes. The interviews were very stressful and it was difficult to know what she was saying. The interviews were doing more harm than good for students.

My concern with this course is how there were many assignments due every week. I felt like I barely learned Spanish this semester and everything was fast paced. Even though I was able to keep up with it other students may have not. I expected to learn basic Spanish like numbers, the alphabet, family names, etc. Instead, the professor expected to know things that weren't taught in the oral interviews. I felt intimidated by her during the interviews. I'm the type of student that likes to plan in advance and not knowing what to expect for it hurt me a lot. Another thing to address is deadlines and having assignments due on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 am. Most assignments should be due on one day such as Sunday at 11:59 pm instead of two days a week. Many students have other classes or work.

More info

I think this course could be improved by making it more beginner spanish friendly. Not knowing anything you would think you would start with learning how to say your name and have a basic conversation instead it seemed like we were thrown right into it like we had been taking spanish for years. Instead of learning 1-10 we learned how to do math in spanish where we hadnt even got familiar with the number yet. It was hard to follow through and feel confident on what we were saying.

I think the workload could possibly be a bit less cumbersome. There was a lot to do every single week. Connect Assignments due every Wednesday and Friday. Oral Interviews, Tutoring Sessions, etc. I think it should be taken into account that a lot of students are taking multiple classes, and some even work full-time. This isnt an excuse just something to consider. Learning a new language is difficult in itself so I totally understand the method behind the madness, however, it felt like I barely had time to do all the required assignments.

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Additional Comments and suggestions.

Remove oral interviews.

I hope for future courses that the professor slows down the pace and doesn't expect students to learn everything in one sitting. I expected this class to be enjoyable and fun since the last time I took Spanish was in middle school but instead everything was hard. Another comment to add as well for exams I disliked how everything was fill in the blank. Some questions I would know but then I would get wrong just because I misspelled it by one or two letters. Professor Rodriguez is a nice lady but there needs to be changes to this course.

Another recommendation I have is changing the assignments due dates to 11:59pm instead of 8:00am. This would provide some much needed time to us students. Thank you so much!

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Course: SPN1121 Section: 004 CRN: 15269

Student Responses

What did you like most about this course?

Working with classmates to complete activities and practice.

What i liked most about this course was the atmosphere and the environment that helped us to learn. It was very fun and exciting to learn Spanish each day!

This course was very organized.

The professor, she was great.

The energy she brought to the classroom

Sol y viento

She was very friendly and made class fun to attend

she is very funny and nice

Professora is always in a great mood when she teaches! I look forward to seeing her in class every day and she encourages us to be confident in speaking as much spanish as possible!

Professor Rodriguez is a great teacher she is very engaging and you can tell she loves to teach.

My professor

Interaction with other students

I loved how energetic the professor was and how she got every student involved in the conversation to help us understand the Spanish language a lot better

I liked the connect assignments.

I liked that the course was very interactive. Most of my spanish courses in the past required a lot of writing but very little speaking which isn't realistic or practical when learning a new language. However, in this course our professor allowed us to do more talking than writing and communicate our ideas effectively without judgement or grading too harshly on our mistakes. It makes for a good learning environment and a interactive + fun class.

I liked professor Rodriguez a lot. She was very nice and engaged in the classroom. She made coming to class fun and entertaining!

I liked learning about food and directions in Spanish.

I liked how engaging our professor was

how often she spoke to us in spanish and was interactive

How could this course be improved?

This course is a perfect example of how every course at FAU should be

The attendance shouldn't be weighted so heavily.

Put connect homework into canvas so we can keep track of it. Its hard when you can only see whats do on the actual website and not on canvas.

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Nothing needs to be improved.

No improvement needed

NA

N/A

More group related learning games

Maybe including more fun games like kahoot more often

Less work

less focus on connect and more focus on spanish conversations and actually interacting fully to learn spanish naturally

Less connect homework.

Less connect

connect notifications so that we don't forget about it

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Additional Comments and suggestions.

This was a great class!

Professor Rodriguez was an amazing teacher.

Professor Rodriguez is a phenomenal professor!

One of my favorite teachers Ive ever had :)

None

N/A

let the class participate in oral interviews so we can learn from each other

I really enjoyed this course and Professor Rodriguez was wonderful!

I highly recommend professor Rodriguez for this course!

Great teacher really made it enjoyable

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