



Course Description:

This introductory Spanish 1 course exhibits the diversity of cultures from Spanish speaking countries across the globe and provides the foundations of Spanish grammar and vocabulary necessary to build fluent language proficiency. Students will apply new knowledge through culturally relevant writing, listening, and speaking exercises.

Dive into the rich diversity of Hispanic culture across the globe by exploring the tastes, sights, and sounds of this dynamic language that reflects triumph, struggle, celebration, and so much more. During this cultural journey, you will develop Spanish language skills through authentic tasks. Short of obtaining a passport, there is no better way to discover new lands, peoples, or experiences. Take your Spanish language abilities to the next level!

This course has three sections: Spanish 1 A is the first half of the course and includes Modules 1 - 3. Spanish 1 B is the second half of the course and includes Modules 4 - 6. Spanish 1 Y is the entire course and includes Modules 1 – 6.

This course includes the following modules:

Module 1: My Life and Me

Module 2: My School and Me

Module 3: My Preferences and Me

Module 4: My House and Me

Module 5: My Family and Me

Module 6: My Free Time and Me

Textbook:

There is no required textbook for this course. All content is digital and available in the online course modules.

Course Participation Policy:

Students should follow the Course Schedule (located in Course Information area of course) and all course work must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on the due date.

After the due date has passed, instructors will enter zeros in the Grade Center for work not submitted by the deadline. During student breaks and towards the end of the semester, students may have the opportunity to improve their course grade by completing and submitting work with grades of zero from earlier in the semester. Zeros will remain in the Grade Center until course work is submitted and evaluated by the instructor.

The CVA term ends prior to the end of the traditional school semester. The final date work will be accepted each term is posted on the CVA website (cobbvirtualacademy.org).

Tips For Success:

To achieve success, students are expected to submit work in each course weekly. Students can learn at their own pace; however, “any pace” still means that students must make progress in the course every week. To promote learning, students complete self-checks, practice lessons, multiple choice questions, projects, discussion-based assessments, and discussions. Some of these activities are summative and count toward the student’s grade (see the “Grading” section below). Students are expected to maintain regular contact with teachers; the minimum requirement is monthly. When teachers, students, and parents work together, students are successful.



Grading:

Grades for the course are calculated based on category percentages as follows:

Discussions*	= 30%
Papers & Projects**	= 30%
Quizzes	= 20%
Tests	= 10%
Final Exam	= 10%

*Includes all oral proficiency assignments (voice Activities, oral presentations, discussion based assessments)

**Includes all written proficiency items (written assignments, discussion posts, papers)

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is the cornerstone of learning at CVA and we take the integrity and authenticity of student work very seriously. When academic integrity is maintained, students will make decisions based on values that will prepare them to be productive, meaningful, and ethical citizens.

Students are required to abide by the CVA Academic Integrity Policy. Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. The CVA Academic Integrity Policy outlines the consequences if students fail to maintain academic integrity in their course. For additional information, the CVA Academic Integrity Policy is posted on the CVA website.

Additional General Information:

- Students must complete the mandatory online CVA Student Orientation each term before any course work will be graded by the instructor. Only one Student Orientation is completed each term.
- All course work must be submitted through Blackboard in the format requested. Students should have access to Microsoft Office and submit assignments in that format. All CCSD students have access to the Office 365 Suite. Assignments submitted through email will not be accepted.
- The 'Grade before Final Exam/EOC' column in the student Grade Center shows the current grade for the course and is automatically calculated.
- Students in the A section of the course must take an online final exam during the times indicated on the CVA website.

Course Specific Information

- Pay special attention to the tips for online language learning that the first lesson provides.
- The Introduction to Online Language Learning provides step by step instructions for how to use the Speech Practice Tool within the course. Pay special attention to the instructions about browser compatibility and device microphone settings.
- You will need to learn and use keyboard codes (shortcuts) for special symbols and characters in the Spanish alphabet. These are linked for you in the Class Information link of your Blackboard course. It may help to download and print them to post in the area where you complete your assignments for this course.
- Resist the temptation to use online translators – these are designed to help people in day-to-day life situations that don't require language fluency. Online translators are inaccurate and hinder language learning.