Required Materials
1. Advanced Spanish Grammar Textbook
2. Textbook related to the topic, handouts, readings and videos from BlueLine
3. A good Spanish/English Dictionary

Course Description:
This course is designed to develop the language skills and to promote a more sophisticated level of proficiency in oral and written communication in Spanish through grammar review, composition and selected readings based on a specific cultural or literary topic designed and chosen by the instructor of the course.

Pre-requisite: Intermediate level or equivalent.

Course Objectives:
1. Student will review of the major grammar points while also engaging in discussions related to the course topic with the instructor and other students in the class.
2. They will also increase their general knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world by being exposed to literary works of different genres, articles from the newspaper or the Internet, and/or Youtube videos or films related to the topic of the course.
3. Students will express themselves in writing demonstrating proficiency and some level of critical thinking about subjects related to the readings discussed in class.
4. Students will have expanded their vocabulary.
5. Students will expand their cultural awareness and knowledge of current issues of the Spanish-speaking world.

Course Topics:
1- Intensive grammar review to include:
   a- all tenses and moods including all the commands
   b- idiomatic expressions
   c- contrast between “ser” and “estar”
   d- contrast between preterit and imperfect
   e- contrast between the subjunctive and indicative moods
   f- conditional phrases
   g- the past participle and the past participles used as adjectives
   h- the passive voice
   i- the use of the present progressive and the gerund
2- Reading and discussions of literary works, articles (newspaper or Internet), films, music, etc. related to the topic of the course.
3- Study and expansion of the relevant vocabulary through readings and other activities related to the topic of choice.

Course Requirements:
1. Completion of all assigned work both oral and written (late work may be accepted but with a grade penalty)
2. Attendance and active in-class participation are expected and required.
3. Compositions and Presentations related to the topic

Participation: To acquire a complete understanding of the culture and literature of Spanish America, students will be required to attend class and actively participate in the discussion throughout the course of the semester. To receive an excellent participation grade, students need to attend all of the classes throughout the semester, do all of the reading and homework prior to coming to class, and expect to participate willingly in the conversation. Active
participation in the conversation includes being engaged in the class discussions without being called upon, and speaking and writing in Spanish. The participation grade will be assessed twice throughout the semester (each grade counting for 10% of the total grade).

Grading Criteria:

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Attendance Policy and Participation:
Students are expected to attend all classes. Any absences should be discussed with the course instructor. More than three absences will result in the student losing 5% of his/her entire grade with each additional absence. Late work may be accepted, but will include a grade penalty of 10% off of the assignment for each day it is turned in late, unless arrangements have been made with the instructor in advance.

Academic Honesty:
Any evidence of plagiarism or academic dishonesty is unacceptable and will be dealt with in accordance with the Creighton policy regarding this issue. Unless otherwise stipulated, all work turned in by the student must be his/her own. Any student found plagiarizing will receive a failing grade for that particular assignment. Please consult Creighton’s policy on Academic Honesty: [http://puffin.creighton.edu/ccas/Students/students/html](http://puffin.creighton.edu/ccas/Students/students/html)

Class cancellation policy:
Students will be notified through Blueline, and/or e-mail regarding any cancellation of classes. The Administrative Assistant of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures will also be notified and a note placed on the classroom door.