

Watershed School  
**Spanish One (Beginning Spanish)**  
Fall and Spring Semesters 2009 – 2010  
Instructor: Aaron Fedarko

Course Description

Spanish One provides basic communication skills including listening, speaking, reading and writing. A significant part of class will be conducted in Spanish in order to maximize our listening and speaking practice. In addition to learning practical language skills, students will be exposed to basic cultural aspects of life in various Spanish-speaking countries. See attached syllabus for specific details, including grammar topics.

Goals of the Course

- Develop vocabulary and sentence structure skills necessary for basic everyday conversational situations.
- Establish firm footing on the path toward fluent oral expression – the ability to express oneself in his/her own words, not memorized lines.
- Explore similarities and differences among cultures.

Materials

- Vistas Third Edition Textbook
- Vistas integrated supplements including videos, audio files, worksheets

Course Requirements for Credit

Credit Level	Class Participation	Assignments	Avg Quiz Score	Avg Exam Score
Honors Credit	Excellent	90% completion	90 or better	90 or better
Credit	Good	75% completion	75 or better	75 or better

Class Participation and Assignments: Practice is the key to learning a foreign language; class time and homework assignments are our time for practice. Good class participation consists of coming to class well-prepared (having learned new vocabulary and completed homework assignments) and participating actively in the class discussions.

Quiz and Exam Schedule: Quiz and exam schedule will be determined once the class is underway and we have a better feel for our pace and collective ability levels. Each semester, we will probably have at least 4 quizzes (approx 1 per month), one mid-term exam and one final exam.