

# Español III

## Asignatura del Verano

¡Hola y Bienvenidos a Español III!

I am very pleased that you have decided to continue your study of Spanish. By studying Spanish III, a college-prep course, you are not just becoming more conversant in Spanish and learning much more about the Spanish language and culture. You are also increasing the likelihood that you will be able to test out of or even possibly earn college credit in foreign language! If you are taking this courses for CCPlus credit, you will receive 4 semester hours of Spanish from Sinclair Community College.

One of the biggest challenges of learning language in high school is that you are busy people! You have six other classes and you have a whole summer to forget everything you've learned in Spanish II. In order to circumvent the loss of information and ability, Spanish III has a required summer assignment to keep your skills up between now and August. The intention of this assignment is not to burden you or spoil your summer. It's assigned under the assumption that you are taking Spanish III because you have a vested interested in Spanish and the Spanish-speaking world and that you want to increase your language proficiency.

In my class, I believe in the immersion approach and sharpening all of the core language skills: reading, writing, speaking, listening and cultural understanding. While I cannot say that any one of these skills is more important than the others, I must emphasize how ESSENTIAL it is that we speak in Spanish and constantly work to improve your oral proficiency. I believe that writing in Spanish has a direct link to being able to speak Spanish. You might think of writing as slowed-down speech and the difference that writing and speaking offer compared to listening and reading is that you are writing and speaking your own thoughts and reading and listening to someone else's. It's only a natural part of the learning process that information that is more personalized is more likely to stick and be internalized.

Please communicate with me regularly through the summer via e-mail and during the school year, both inside and outside of class. Feel free to stop by to practice, to chat in Spanish, to ask questions about what we are learning, or just to get more comfortable speaking the language. I check e-mail very regularly and I will reply to you quickly. I have found that many students enjoy practicing their Spanish by e-mailing me stories, jokes, great websites or to tell me about how they used their Spanish in the "real world". I welcome this and strongly encourage you to use your Spanish outside of the classroom.

This will most definitely be a rigorous and challenging course. It is considered a college-prep/honors course. Your learning curve may feel very steep sometimes... With plenty of detailed grammar lessons, irregular verb rules, challenging readings, oral presentations, and projects. However, you will miraculously find yourself coasting for a while when you find that you are improving, that you are becoming more personally interested in all that learning Spanish has to offer, and that you are able to precisely express yourself in a second language. What will help you the most is keeping a positive outlook, staying optimistic, and working diligently.

Each and every one of you will begin next school year at different levels and grow in different ways. Do not compare yourself to others, but rather strive for your personal best. No matter what your goals are in this class, be mindful of what you personally need to do to get there. Some of you may feel that you need to study more or less than others, but each of you needs to aim high and achieve your best.

I'm sure by now you're thinking, "What is the summer assignment?!?!?!?" You will find the specific details on the next page. ¡Buena suerte y gracias por estar en mi clase!

Saludos,

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"Una letra de una palabra puede cambiar el destino de un hombre."

**Don Quixote de la Mancha**

Miguel de Cervantes, 1606 España



The summer assignment will have 2 main parts, all with the interest of maintaining and sharpening your skills and ability to read, write, listen and speak Spanish. Please read through the assignment criteria and ask questions when in doubt.

## 1<sup>era</sup> Parte: DUOLINGO

- A. Join my class! Visit the link: <https://www.duolingo.com/o/qgxdax> and follow the log-in instructions. You can also download the Duolingo app, follow the instructions then enter the class code: QGXDAX

Please complete the following lessons on DUOLINGO!

1. Basics 1 and 2
2. Phrases
3. Questions
4. Present 1-3
5. Past Tense
6. Pronouns

estimated time to  
complete: varies by  
student

- B. In addition PLEASE COMPLETE 1000 XP GOAL POINTS BY **AUGUST 10, 2018!!!**

**Take the Placement Test before starting to earn these points!**

Students who earn 700 XP points by the first day of class will earn 70% on their summer reading assignment. Students who earn 800 XP points will earn 80%, students who earn 900 points will earn 90% and students who earn 1000 points will earn 100%. If you have fewer than 700 XP points on the first day of class, you will not receive a passing grade on the summer assignment, which is also the first grade of the class.

## 2<sup>a</sup> Parte: ESCUCHAR

- A. Go to the following website: [www.nationalspanishexam.org/](http://www.nationalspanishexam.org/)
- B. Click on the tab "exam preparation" then select "online practice exercises" from the pull down menu.
- C. Go to the listening comprehension box and complete all the listening exercises from Level 2
- When you click on Level 2, you will go to a screen with a box that says "start now."
  - Then, you will see 10 different listening activities. Complete them all.
  - The questions are in English, but the audio clip is in Spanish.
  - Label the exercise and write the correct answer for each one. Create a Google Doc (**firstname.lastname.SP3Escuchar**) of your answers and share it with me by **July 20, 2018**

estimated time to  
complete: 30 minutes

**EXTRA CREDIT: Want to start the year with extra credit? You must complete all 3 parts of the summer assignment in order to be eligible for the extra credit assignment.**

**Grammar** – Review the present, preterite, and imperfect tenses.

- A. Go to: <http://www.studyspanish.com/practice/pret1.htm> and scroll down until you get to PART C. Select the correct verb from the pull-down menu.
- B. Number 1-10 and write the correct conjugation. Create a Google Doc (**firstname.lastname.SP3Extra**) with your answers and share it with me by **August 10, 2018**

estimated time to  
complete: 10 minutes