**Arcadia in Barcelona**

**BARC SPAN 305S Advanced Spanish**

CREDITS: 3

The course will be held 4 times per week, for a total of 45 hours approximately.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

SP 305S Advanced Spanish is a 3 credit course in Spanish language which covers material traditionally taught over one semester of advanced Spanish.

After a general review aimed at reinforcing language skills and filling in possible gaps, the course will focus on the new program. The new grammar contents will be introduced within specific contexts, either dialogues or Readings that will highlight cultural aspects. Grammar explanations, drill exercises and performing activities, all conducted in Spanish, will follow. Students are often expected to work in groups or in pairs with teacher support; interaction and participation in class are encouraged in various ways: through role-plays, simulations, presentations, games etc. All abilities, receptive and productive, will be involved and therefore developed carrying out a task: all kinds of tasks will be chosen on the basis of learners' needs outside the classroom and will be related to real-life. Tasks of any kind require the activation of a range of appropriate general competences. In this perspective the syllabus is designed to develop not only linguistic but sociolinguistic and pragmatic competences to use the language not only appropriately but in relation to specific situations.

COURSE MATERIALS:

Course package prepared by the instructor.

CLASS RULES:

- Using electronic devices such as mobiles, Blackberries and laptops is not allowed in class.
- Chewing gum or eating are not allowed in class. You may, however, drink water or coffee in a spill-proof container.

ATTENDANCE:

At Arcadia, all professors follow the same attendance policy: attendance is mandatory. You are allowed 2 absences. Any unexcused absences beyond those will negatively

impact your grade, bringing the grade down with each additional unexcused absence. Ex: 3 absences, A- becomes B+; 4 absences, B- becomes C, etc.

If you have reached the 2 absences, be absolutely sure that you attend every remaining class in the semester or that you have a valid doctor's note specifically excusing your absence. You are responsible for obtaining the assignment, the material and any class notes.

If you miss more than 4 sessions, you will lose the right to take the final exam and will receive an F as a total grade of the course.

Punctuality is expected of all students. Coming late to class for more than 10 minutes three times will be counted as an unjustified absence.

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

Includes class attendance, homework, oral/written performance in class.

OFFICE HOURS:

If you have any questions about the program do not hesitate to ask! Feel free to request additional tutoring from your professors on an as-needed basis.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Grades will be calculated on the basis of the following:

- Tests 25%
- Final Exam 30%
- Oral presentations/Readings/written work 35%
- Participation/Progress/Attendance 10%

Students are required to do all exercises of the Reader assigned by the teacher. Depending on need, additional exercises will be scheduled.

Assignments and class materials will not be accepted after the deadline established by the professor. Your professor will typically welcome early submission, so if you´re planning on travelling before a submission deadline, make sure you submit the work before travelling. Delays and other incidents (lost baggage) that may prevent you from submitting the work do not constitute a valid excuse for not submitting your assignment.

Tests can include multiple-choice, gap-filling, category substitution exercises, writing compositions, reading, listening comprehension, and speaking.

Please note: Times and dates for exams cannot be changed.

## SYLLABUS SP 305S ADVANCED SPANISH

### I SEMANA

Unidad 1: Ser o estar esa es la cuestión

Contenidos funcionales:

- Descripción física y de la personalidad
- Hablar de cambios en la vida de una persona
- Vocabulario del cuerpo y de la personalidad

Contenidos gramaticales:

- Diferencias entre ser y estar
- Verbos de cambio
- Formación de adjetivos

Ejercicios en la unidad.

Test 1

### II SEMANA

Unidad 2: Y tú, ¿Qué crees?

Contenidos funcionales:

- Expresar una opinión y una valoración
- Reaccionar frente a una opinión y a una valoración
- Hablar de hábitos y gustos relacionados con el cine

Contenidos gramaticales:

- Subordinadas sustantivas con verbos de opinión: Indicativo/Subjuntivo
- Subordinadas sustantivas con predicados de valoración: Infinitivo/Subjuntivo
- Presente de Subjuntivo

Ejercicios de la unidad
Test 2

### III SEMANA

Unidad 3: Quiero un novio que me quiera

Contenidos funcionales:

- Recursos para aconsejar
- Vocabulario para hablar de las relaciones personales y afectivas
- Hablar de una cualidad

Contenidos gramaticales:

- Correlación temporal de las frases de relativo
- Imperfecto de Subjuntivo

Ejercicios de la unidad
Test 3

IV SEMANA

Unidad 4: Una cosa que sirve para abrir botellas

Contenidos funcionales:

- Describir las características y el funcionamiento de algo
- Vocabulario del hogar

Contenidos gramaticales:

- Oraciones relativas con preposición
- Usos del indicativo y del subjuntivo en frases relativas

Ejercicios de la unidad

Test 4

V SEMANA

Unidad 5: Para chuparse los dedos

Contenidos funcionales:

- Recetas de cocina
- Vocabulario del ámbito gastronómico

Contenidos gramaticales:

- Subordinadas finales
- Subordinadas temporales: Indicativo/Presente de Subjuntivo

Ejercicios de la unidad

Test 5

VI SEMANA

Unidad 6: Si yo fuera rico…

Contenidos funcionales:

- Expresar condiciones reales con distintos grados de probabilidad
- Expresar condiciones irreales
- Vocabulario relacionado con los deseos

Contenidos gramaticales:

- Oraciones condicionales reales e irreales
- Imperfecto de Subjuntivo

Ejercicios de la unidad

Test 6

Revisión

Examen final: Expresión oral + Expresión escrita