Program: CET Colombia
Course Code / Title: (CA/LANG 151) Pre-semester Intensive Spanish Course – Beginner 2
Total Hours: 45
Recommended Credits: 3
Primary Discipline: Spanish Language
Language of Instruction: Spanish
Prerequisites / Requirements: CA/LANG 101 or its equivalent

Description
The content of the course is based on a communicative task-based learning approach that is directly related to students’ daily lives. Through their experiences in the host community and use of relevant sentences and expressions in their immediate Colombian context, students develop both linguistic and sociolinguistic abilities. The course incorporates themes such as colonization, the Republic, and contemporary Afro-Colombian culture.

The purpose of this course is to develop students’ ability to communicate in the target language and to use different language tools to develop intercultural and civic competencies, communicating in simple terms details of background and immediate environment.

Objectives
Through their participation in this course, students learn to:

• Understand sentences and frequently-used expressions that are relevant to their life in the Colombian context.
• Compare places, situations, and actions.
• Narrate different situations in present and past tense.
• Express feelings, opinions, intentions, wishes, and preferences.
• Give and ask for information.
• Learn about and identify facets of Colombian culture.
• Develop skills to discuss race and ethnicity in the Colombian context.

Course Requirements
This course uses a communicative approach in which active student participation is necessary. Students are expected to complete all assignments prior to class meetings. Graded assignments include:

• Homework: Students work on different Spanish grammatical structures and bring questions to class for discussion.
• Exams: After finishing each unit, students take an exam to verify their competency in the language.
• Presentations: 10 minutes, with 5 minutes for questions, using elements of local context to illustrate ideas, cultural topics, or concepts discussed in assignments.
Syllabus of Record

- Field Observation Report: Each time students visit a museum, a community, a park, a cafeteria, or other local site, they write a short report describing the place, its function, and its relevance to the community.
- Final Exam: A language test is administered at the end of the course to test proficiency.

Students are expected to attend each class and field-based course component, as outlined in the CET Attendance Policy.

Grading
The final grade is determined as follows:

- Participation: 30%
- Homework: 5%
- Exams: 10%
- Presentations: 35%
- Field Observation Report: 10%
- Final Exam: 10%

Readings


Echeverri, María Margarita. «Otredad racializada en la migración forzada de afrocolombianos a Antofagasta (Chile).» *Nómadas*, nº 45 (2016): 91-103.


Rado, María, y Pablo Rodero. «Lo afro como riqueza para el turismo en Colombia.» El País, June 27, 2017.


Outline of Course Content
Each unit is supplemented by field visits to relevant locations.

Unit 1 - Contemporary Afro-Colombian Communities
Objectives:
- Give information about oneself and others
- Talk about facts, daily routines and situations that happen at the moment
- Give their personal opinions about a specific topic

Linguistic functions:
- Pronouns (subject, prepositional object, direct object, indirect object, reflexive, possessive, indefinite…)
- Definite and indefinite articles
- Adjectives
- Numbers (1000-1,000,000)
- Simple present

Cultural aspects:
- Learn about the differences and social connotations among terms such as: afrocolombiano(a), negro(a), afrocolombianidad, negritud and negritudes.
- Define and talk about Afro-tourism
- Discuss the social issues concerning Afro-Colombian communities

Unit 2 – The Republic
Objectives:
- Compare people, situations and places
- Describe what is happening at the moment
- Express wishes and suggestions

Linguistic functions:
- Comparatives
- Superlatives
Syllabus of Record

- Imperatives
- Present Progressive
- The use of conditional present to express wishes and suggestions
- Simple present

Cultural aspects:
- Discuss the role of Afro-Colombian communities in the Colombian peace process
- Learn about the migration process in Afro-Colombian communities
- Express points of view related to the Afro-Colombian population and employment

Unit 3 – Colonization
Objectives:
- Narrate situations that happened in the past
- Form arguments about specific situations
- Talk about situations that start in the past and continue in the present

Linguistic Functions:
- Simple past
- Imperfect past
- Present perfect
- The use of ‘I think’ + infinitive, ‘To start’ + infinitive
- The use of argumentative connectors

Cultural Aspects:
- Discuss the origins of Afro-Colombian communities
- Examine different forms of racism in Colombia