

Spanish II Course for 2023-24 (Regular or Honors Track)

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Amy Ruff's Home School Tutorials

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Course Description: This Spanish II course is designed to **develop an intermediate level of proficiency** in the target language. Even if **inhibited initially**, students always **develop confidence & enjoy studying Spanish** with **Sra. Amy Tango Ruff!**

- Devoting **two weeks of study to each lección/chapter** & including **cumulative review after every sixth lección**, the text introduces both **grammar & vocabulary through dialogue & functional models**.
- After **in-class intro to new vocab & grammar** for each lección, students **complete 2 pages** of written **HW = homework**.
- Rather than having the teacher correct this HW & then hand it back with a grade, **HW is corrected aloud together at the next class**, enabling students to **practice speaking their new material & discover/correct any errors or confusion on the HW**.
- Students take **16 home-proctored tests** of which **2 are cumulative** & for which **students are amply prepared**.
- Class involves **lots of oral participation** to develop **skills in speaking & understanding** both oral & written Spanish.
- Students complete a **translation/presentation project each semester**: 1) a short children's book, song, poem, or three paragraphs on a Latino country's cuisine, geography, history, architecture, athletics, fashion, fine arts, government; & 2a) grocery self-checkout; or 2b) mi rutina diaria (my daily routine).
- Students make & bring a food & drink to share at our **two class parties: New Year's Fiesta & Cinco de Mayo**.



Testimony from Joan Monnig, **Mom & Professional Educator** in Chapel Hill:

*My son, Marlow, took Amy Ruff's Spanish classes during his 7th & 8th grade years. Amy's Spanish 1 & 2 use an older textbook because, she says, "The newer textbooks are well organized in delivering content." Amy & Marlow decided to play it safe & put Marlow in Spanish 2...his freshman year at CHHS. Well, he should really have been placed in Spanish 3 as **he has been top of his CHHS Spanish 2 class...with absolutely no effort**.... In other words, what Amy Ruff calls Spanish 1 & 2 is really high school Spanish 1, 2, & at least a 1/2 year of Spanish 3. **She covers a lot...in...1-1 ¼ hours per***

week!** Marlow just received the **results from the National Spanish 2 Exam** & **placed third in NC**. Considering he has learned no new material in Spanish 2 at CHH, **this is Marlow & Amy's win!** She's that good. **Do I recommend Amy Ruff? Yes! Two thumbs up!



Prerequisite, Student Age, & Course Unit Value: The Spanish II prerequisite is Spanish I. Student age ranges from **advanced middle school to high school**. The course's unweighted value equals one unit of high school foreign language or elective credit.

Bio: **Amy Ruff** lives next to her **beloved alma mater, Duke University**, & enjoys teaching, tutoring, & test prepping students **in person** as well as **online** in her areas of specialty: **literary analysis; writing & composition; Spanish; psychology; philosophy & religion; SAT, ACT, & APs; executive-functioning & study skills**.

Having completed her **BA at Duke University with double majors in English & religion**, Amy also earned a **Certificate in Duke's rigorous interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program**. While an undergraduate & after graduation, Amy worked in **editing for the Duke University Press** & continues to **freelance edit**.

Intuitive and seasoned at identifying & developing the potential in her students, Amy's **energetic & engaging style** enables students to **grow in their knowledge of subject matter** while also **honing their critical-thinking skills & elevating their character**. Having **homeschooled her own children** through high school, Amy continues to **support the homeschooling community by offering group-class tutorials**.

Counseling students to **align self-understanding with their envisioned future**, Amy has aided many to **make wise choices** for their **post-high-school paths**. She has assisted students to **succeed on test prep & applications for acceptance** into a range of schools. From **Harvard, Duke, & Stanford** to **UNC & NCSU** to **community colleges across NC**, Amy's students **thrive in diverse academic, artistic, athletic, trade, & professional pursuits**.

Of **Argentine-Italian descent** & hailing from **Italian roots in Pittsburgh, PA**, Amy attended boarding prep school on a **full scholarship & received a college scholarship from the Spanish National Honor Society**. Amy continued her **Spanish studies at Duke** & served on **short-term missions as a Spanish interpreter**. From the **rudiments of grammar & vocabulary** to encounters with **cooking & dancing**, Sra. Amy's students **learn to love Latina language & culture!**

Always eager to serve the local & global community, Amy is a supporter of two **overseas NGOs**, a graduate of the **REI (Racial Equity Institute) training**, & a volunteer with **The Honor Foundation** (helping special-ops retirees, like Amy's deceased big brother who was a decorated Navy SEAL).

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Class Location/Dates/Times:

- Spanish II is **Tues 830-930 AM 8/22-12/12/23 & 1/9-5/14/24** with **10/10/23 fall & 3/12/24 spring breaks.**
- Class is at **Grace Church in room #118:** 200 Sage Rd, Chapel Hill, across from Lowe's near 15-501/I-40.

Regular & Honors Track:

1. **Regular-Track Students Do the Following:** a) Complete **18 sets of two-page HW** = homework = tarea **every 2 weeks**;
b) produce **1 oral report per semester** to present during class; c) take **16 tests** of which **2 are cumulative**.
2. **Honors-Track Students Do the Following:** In addition to a-c for RT, **HT students** also, d) complete **Confirme Su Progreso exercises** (found in the *Churros y Chocolate/Plazas y Paisajes* texts & crafted for ensuring mastery of the lección material);
e) translate some short culture/history, grammar/vocab-based paragraphs (at end of certain lecciones) which may be completed with a partner & should be stapled to/handed in with the lección test; f) memorize names of **Spanish-speaking countries & their capitals** for a **home-proctored test**; g) maintain a **90+% average**, but HT may do **extra credit** if the **average falls below 90%**.

Materials, Registration, & Tuition:

1. **Textbook:** Purchase **Scott, Foresman's Churros y Chocolate for use in the fall & Plazas y Paisajes for use in the spring**—both textbooks may be in any **used 1979-87 edition**. **Vocab, homework, & tests are emailed to the student.**
2. **Pay the nonrefundable registration & tuition (based on student's track) via the following methods/platforms:**
 - **Venmo** www.venmo.com/Amy-Ruff-8 • **Zelle** under Amy's cell 919-219-4338 • **CashApp** [https://cash.app/\\$AmyRT3](https://cash.app/$AmyRT3)
 - **Snail mail a check to Amy Ruff** 1101 Anderson Street Durham NC 27705
3. **The registration is due in spring 2023, & tuition is due in advance as 1/2 in August & 1/2 in January:**
 - **\$100/\$750 for honors track** • **\$75/\$700 for regular track**
4. With **payment**, please **include pertinent details as below: name(s), class(es), track, contact: amy.ruff@outlook.com**

Names: Student's _____ Parents' _____

Address: _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Emails: _____

Phones: Student's _____ Parents' _____

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| American Lit Tues 1045 AM-12 PM <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/700 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/750 <input type="checkbox"/> AP \$125/800 | |
| Spanish I Registration/Tuition Tues at Grace Church 12-1 PM <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/700 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/750 | Spanish II Registration/Tuition Tues at Grace Church 830-930 AM <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/700 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/750 |
| Introduction to Psychology Tues at Grace Church 930-1045 AM <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/750 <input type="checkbox"/> AP \$125/800 | |
| Introduction to Literature Tues at Grace Church 145-245 PM <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/700 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/750 | |
| Middle School Composition on Tues at Grace Church 1-145 PM <input type="checkbox"/> One Track Reg/Tuition \$100/750 | |
| <u>Times for Amy's 2023-24 Classes on Tues – Hybrid offerings of each class are conducted in person & via Zoom (student preference):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tues/830-930 Spanish II (regular & honors tracks) • Tues/930-1045 Psychology (honors & AP tracks) • Tues/1045-12 American Lit (regular, honors, & AP tracks) • Tues/12-1 Spanish I (regular & honors tracks) • Tues/1-145 Middle School Composition • Tues/145-245 Intro Lit (regular & honors tracks) | <u>Academic Calendar for Amy Ruff's 2023-24 Classes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/22/23 First Fall Tues 2023 Class • 10/10/23 NO Class for Fall Break • 12/12/23 Last 2023 Tues Class • 1/9/24 First 2024 Tues Class • 3/12/24 NO Class for Spring Break • 5/14/24 Last 2024 Tues Class |