

# SPAN 3151 Syllabus

Conversation Practicum: Chat Challenge - Section 1, 3 Credits  
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## Instructor Information

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## General Course Information

### Description

This is a conversation-based course that includes lecture and lab hours that students complete on their own. Students will participate in in-class discussions and engage in ongoing conversation practice with Spanish speakers all over the world, using multiple technologies.

### Course Learning Outcomes

- Enhance Speaking Confidence: Build fluency and confidence in speaking Spanish in various contexts.
- Communicate Across Cultures: Develop the ability to engage in conversations with speakers from diverse countries and understand a variety of accents.
- Master Key Vocabulary: Learn and actively use high-frequency words, recognizing their crucial role in advancing language proficiency.
- Utilize Language-Learning Technologies and Applications: Become comfortable using digital tools and resources that support and enhance the language-learning process.
- Commit to Consistent Practice: Appreciate the time, effort, and dedication required to reach fluency in a foreign language through continuous practice.
- Self-Reflection for Growth: Cultivate the habit of self-assessment and reflection, understanding that regular evaluation is vital for ongoing improvement and language mastery.

### Required Course Materials

- (1) [LinguaMeeting](#) account. (Price appr. \$70.)
- (2) [TalkAbroad](#) account. (Price appr. \$50.)
- (3) [Small pocket dictionary](#)

### Grading Policy:

Zoom-Group Video Recordings	20%
Pre/Post Lab Activities	10%
Lab Conversations	30%
2 Quizzes	20%
2 Reflections	20%
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Total

100%

This course is organized into 1-week themed-units of various speaking experiences comprised of class meetings, small-group meetings, *Linguameeting* sessions, *TalkAbroad* sessions, language app conversations, and single-partner conversations. It is designed to facilitate as much practice of the target language as possible. Students are expected to speak Spanish in class, in their groups, and with the many conversation coaches and partners they will have over the course of the semester.

### USG Required Course Policies

#### Attendance and/or Participation

This course allows for one freebie absence. Students should attend all classes and are expected to arrive on time and to remain in class for its entirety. These meetings are important for content discussion, language practice, and group cohesion.

#### Academic Integrity

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. Review Georgia Tech's Honor Code and the student Code of Conduct.

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarism on a quiz, exam, or assignment will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

#### Core IMPACTS

Not applicable

#### Additional Georgia Tech Required Policies

##### Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services (404-894-2563) as soon as possible to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

##### Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement

At Georgia Tech, we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgement, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. The Student-Faculty Expectations articulate some basic expectations that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.

#### Course Expectations, Policies, and Resources

### Pre-Requisite

SPAN 2002 or the equivalent.

### Collaboration, Group Work, and Use of Generative AI

Students are allowed to work together on homework assignment material to review and practice but any work you submit should be written in your own hand.

### Extensions, Late Assignments, & Re-Scheduled/Missed Exams

No late work, extra credit, or resubmissions. *Emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis and will require formal documentation.*