

SPANISH 110 – ORAL EXAM 2 (end-quarter)

ORAL CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CUISINE OR A TYPICAL DISH OF A SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRY

PURPOSE

You and two classmates will take part in an oral conversation mediated by your instructor that will last for about 10 minutes. The purpose of this activity is to evaluate your spontaneous speaking ability and your investigation of fun and interesting facts about the cuisine of a previously selected Spanish-speaking country.

You will be evaluated in groups of three. You need to choose partners and sign up for a date and time during the last week of the quarter—see the course calendar.

During the conversation you will talk about a Spanish-speaking country. Your choice needs to be approved by the instructor. Therefore, you need to let your instructor know which country you want to talk about at least a week before the conversation.

This activity requires you to find out interesting information about the cuisine of your country and be able to explain and discuss it in an informative and conversational way. Your instructor will want to know where you found the information to prepare for the conversation so **please come to conversation day prepared to show a list of books or websites that you have consulted.**

Since this is a conversation you should not just wait for the instructor to ask you questions. You can ask questions yourself to your instructor and/or your partners.

PREPARATION

Even though the conversation is spontaneous, practice and preparation are essential. You need to look for interesting information about the cuisine you have selected and prepare the vocabulary you need to talk about it.

These are examples of some of the questions you may be asked during the conversation:

- *¿Qué país elegiste? ¿Por qué?*
- *¿Qué plato elegiste? ¿Por qué?*
- *¿Dónde encontraste la información para preparar la conversación?*

- *¿Visitaste alguna vez este país? ¿Otro país de habla hispana? ¿Qué país donde se hable español quieres visitar? ¿Por qué?*
- *¿Es posible comer este plato aquí en Seattle? ¿En otra parte de Washington?*
- *¿Te apetecen algunos de los platos descritos por tus compañeros?*
- *¿Comiste alguna vez este plato? ¿Dónde?*

NOTE: this is just a guide and does not incorporate all possible questions; it simply shows you the content and format of the activity.

Remember that:

- you should NOT memorize sentences.
- you are NOT expected to recite specific dates, numbers, etc.
- you will NOT have access to note cards or any written material during the conversation, so try to focus on general information that is interesting and easy to remember. You are encouraged to bring pictures or other props to illustrate what you are talking about.

GRADING

This activity is worth 5% of your course grade. You and your two partners will be graded individually based both on individual contributions and on interactions. Please see evaluation sheet for grade breakdown.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You must be present and ready at your assigned time. NO MAKE-UPS ALLOWED.