Course Description
Spanish 1301 is a beginning Spanish course designed to provide an introduction to the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. The students will practice the four language skills (listening/understanding, speaking, reading, and writing) both with the instructor and with classmates. The course materials provide abundant communicative activities along with many form-focused exercises and offer a good variety of authentic cultural materials. Practice may continue beyond the classroom with technology-based exercises. National Standards describe the Five C’s of Foreign Language Education: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. Successful students will learn “how, when, and why to say what to whom.”

Course Objectives
Students should be able to communicate minimally by using isolated words and memorized phrases with reference to a particular context in which the language has been learned. They should be able to ask and answer some direct questions and express themselves in writing mostly in the present tense about familiar objects, their immediate environment and some basic interests. Students should also be able to read and comprehend simple texts on an elementary level. Students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of some of the salient features of the history and culture (perspectives, practices, products) of the Spanish-speaking world.

Course Outcomes
Upon completion of the course, students should be able to Communicate in all 3 modes—interpretive, presentational, interpersonal—at the ACTFL Novice mid to high level.

Resources

ACTFL guidelines
http://www.actfl.org
http://www.actfl.org

Standards
http://www.actfl.org
http://www.vark-learn.com