

Context Spanish

Curriculum Alignment Map

AP Spanish Language & Culture · ACTFL World-Readiness Standards

This document maps every Context Spanish collection to AP Spanish themes and ACTFL standards, with proficiency levels and sample classroom activities.

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AP Spanish Language & Culture Themes

The College Board organises AP Spanish around six overarching themes. Context Spanish covers all six.

Beauty & Aesthetics — Art, architecture, literature, music, and film across the Spanish-speaking world.

Contemporary Life — Daily routines, education, careers, entertainment, housing, and travel.

Families & Communities — Family structures, social networks, citizenship, and community values.

Global Challenges — Economic, environmental, political, and social issues facing the world.

Personal & Public Identities — Beliefs, values, nationality, heritage, and how identities are shaped.

Science & Technology — Innovation, ethics of technology, healthcare, and environmental science.

ACTFL World-Readiness Standards (5 Cs)

Communication — Interpersonal, Interpretive, and Presentational modes.

Cultures — Understanding practices, products, and perspectives of target cultures.

Connections — Making connections to other disciplines and acquiring information.

Comparisons — Comparing languages and cultures to develop insight.

Communities — Using language beyond the classroom for lifelong learning.

Global Turning Points

Pivotal 20th-century events that reshaped global politics, ideal for exploring power, conflict, and diplomacy in the target language.

Stories: Cuban Missile Crisis, Fall of the Berlin Wall, JFK Assassination, Spanish Civil War

Proficiency: B1-B2

AP Themes: Global Challenges, Contemporary Life, Families & Communities

ACTFL Standards: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons

Sample Classroom Activities:

- Compare Cold War perspectives from US and Latin American media sources
- Debate: Was the fall of the Berlin Wall inevitable? (Presentational Speaking)
- Write a diary entry from a witness to the JFK assassination (Interpersonal Writing)
- Analyse propaganda posters from the Spanish Civil War (Interpretive Reading)

Cronicas de las Americas

The defining events and civilisations of the Americas — from pre-Columbian empires to modern struggles for justice and sovereignty.

Stories: Mexican Revolution, Colonisation of the Americas, Panama Canal, Dirty Wars, Inca Empire

Proficiency: A2-B2

AP Themes: Families & Communities, Global Challenges, Personal & Public Identities, Beauty & Aesthetics

ACTFL Standards: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, Communities

Sample Classroom Activities:

- Research and present on indigenous perspectives of colonisation (Presentational Speaking)
- Compare muralism in the Mexican Revolution to modern protest art (Cultures)
- Role-play a negotiation over Panama Canal sovereignty (Interpersonal Speaking)
- Analyse testimonios from Argentina's Dirty Wars (Interpretive Reading)

The Human Spirit

Biographies of world figures who shaped history through art, activism, science, and leadership.

Stories: Frida Kahlo, Cesar Chavez, Eva Peron, Simon Bolivar, Garcia Marquez, Nelson Mandela, Marie Curie, Martin Luther King Jr.

Proficiency: A2-B2

AP Themes: Personal & Public Identities, Beauty & Aesthetics, Families & Communities, Global Challenges, Contemporary Life

ACTFL Standards: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, Communities

Sample Classroom Activities:

- Compare leadership styles: Bolivar vs. MLK (Comparisons)
- Analyse a Frida Kahlo self-portrait through cultural and personal lens (Cultures)
- Write a persuasive speech inspired by Cesar Chavez (Presentational Writing)
- Research Garcia Marquez's Nobel speech and discuss magical realism (Connections)

Modern Crossroads

Contemporary issues shaping the 21st century — technology, economics, climate, and social movements.

Stories: Arab Spring, 2008 Financial Crisis, Rise of AI, Paris Climate Accord

Proficiency: B1-B2

AP Themes: Global Challenges, Science & Technology, Contemporary Life, Families & Communities

ACTFL Standards: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, Communities

Sample Classroom Activities:

- Debate the ethics of AI in Spanish (Interpersonal Speaking)
- Analyse Spanish-language news coverage of the 2008 crisis vs. English (Comparisons)
- Create an infographic on the Paris Climate Accord impact on Latin America (Presentational Writing)
- Discuss how social media fuelled the Arab Spring using authentic sources (Interpretive Listening/Reading)

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