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SPN 1340

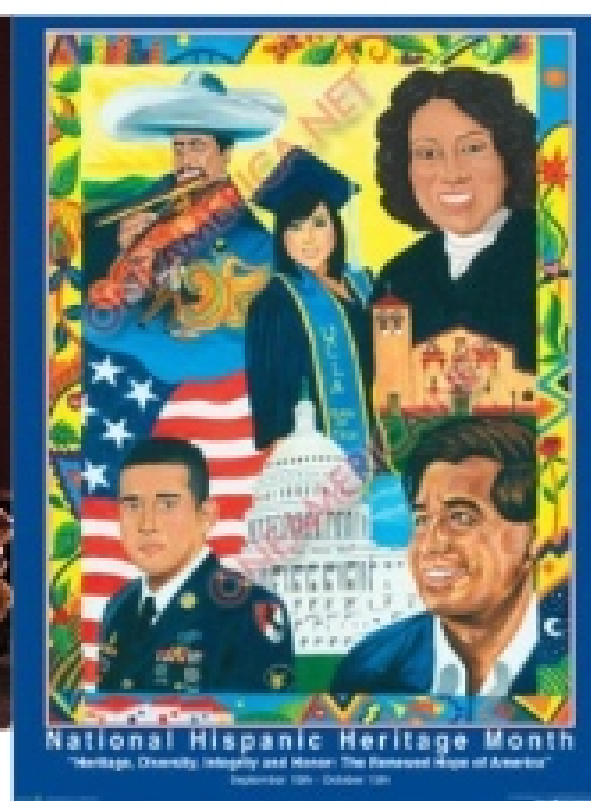
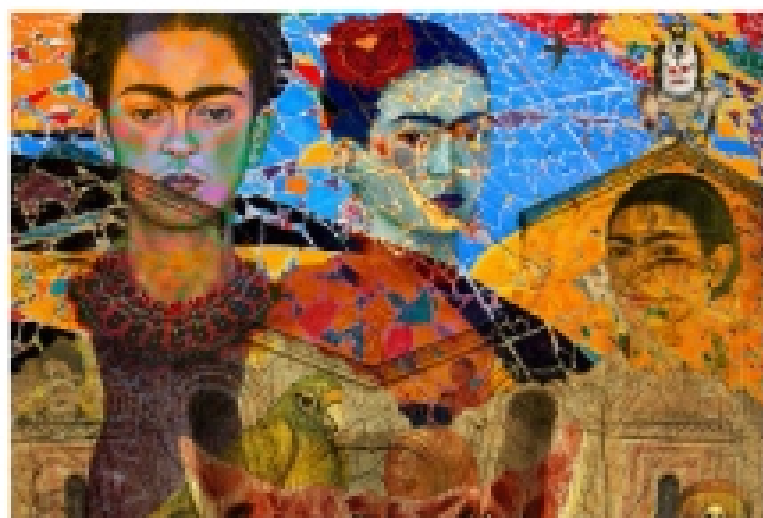
Spanish for Heritage Speaker I

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Heritage language is the language which was first for an individual with respect to the order of acquisition but has not been completely acquired because of the switch to another dominant language.” Maria Polinsky

Language is the use by human beings of voice sounds and written symbols that represent these sounds, in organized combinations and patterns to express and communicate thoughts and feelings. Language is a system of words formed from such combinations and patterns, used by

the people of a particular country or by a group of people with a shared history or set of traditions.

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Textbook:

Garcia, Carney & Sandoval; Nuestro idioma, nuestra herencia. Español para hispanohablantes. McGraw Hill

Prerequisites (s): Oral proficiency in the language with no formal background or equivalent knowledge of Spanish resulting from circumstances that include, but are not limited to the following: time lived or spent in a Spanish speaking country, extensive use of Spanish in personal/professional situations.

Rationale for Course:

SPN 1340: This course is designed for those students who have basic proficiency in Spanish but still lack the mastery of reading comprehension skills as well as the ability to correctly express thoughts and ideas in personal and professional writing. Studies have shown that the linguistic needs of fluent/bilingual Spanish speakers are not met when they are included in general language courses geared for the non-native speakers of Spanish. We hope to be able to offer the Spanish Heritage Speakers attending Valencia College the opportunity to be truly bilingual and thus, be an integral part of our region's valuable resources.

Description of Course:

SPN 1340: This course is an intermediate course for students who are speakers of Spanish. It is designed to meet the special linguistic needs of students of Hispanic background born or educated in the United States, who speak Spanish at home and want to improve their formal knowledge of the language. In addition, the course aims to provide those students with cultural insights/materials about the diverse Hispanic world that is part of their heritage.

The course emphasizes the mastery of writing, reading and oral communication skills, with particular attention given to the issues of interference of English, code switching, vocabulary building, orthography and reading comprehension. Students will write compositions, make oral presentations and read materials of a