

## Spanish II Course for 2025-26 (Regular or Honors Track)

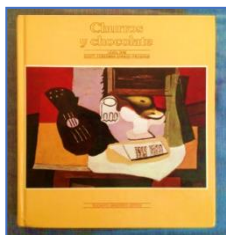
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Amy Ruff's Home School Tutorials

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**Course Description:** This Spanish II course **develops an intermediate level of proficiency** in the target language. Even if **inhibited initially**, students always **grow confidence & enjoy studying Spanish** with **Sra. Amy Tango Ruff!**

- Devoting **two weeks of study to each lección/chapter** & including **cumulative review after every sixth lección**, the text introduces both **grammar & vocabulary through dialogue & functional models**.
- After **in-class intro to new vocab & grammar** for each lección, students **complete 2 pages** of written **HW = homework**.
- Rather than having the teacher correct this HW & then hand it back with a grade, **HW is corrected aloud together at the next class**, enabling students to **practice speaking their new material & discover/correct any errors or confusion**.
- Students take **16 home-proctored tests** of which **2 are cumulative** & for which students are **amply prepared**.
- Class involves **lots of oral participation** to develop **skills in speaking & understanding both oral & written Spanish**.
- Students complete a **translation/presentation project each semester**: 1) a short children's book, song, poem, or three paragraphs on a Latino country's cuisine, geography, history, architecture, athletics, fashion, fine arts, government; & 2a) grocery self-checkout; or 2b) mi rutina diaria (my daily routine).
- Students make & bring a food & drink to share at our **two class parties**: **New Year's Fiesta** & **Cinco de Mayo**.



### **Testimony** from Joan Monnig, **Mom & Professional Educator** in Chapel Hill:

My son, Marlow, took Amy Ruff's Spanish classes during his 7th & 8th grade years. Amy's Spanish 1 & 2 use an older textbook because, she says, "The older textbooks are well organized in delivering content." Amy & Marlow decided to play it safe & put Marlow in Spanish 2...his freshman year at CHHS. Well, he should really have been placed in Spanish 3 as **he has been top of his CHHS Spanish 2 class...with absolutely no effort....** In other words, what Amy Ruff calls Spanish 1 & 2 is really high school Spanish 1, 2, & at least a 1/2 year of Spanish 3. **She covers a lot...in...1-1 ¼ hours per**

**week!** Marlow just received the **results from the National Spanish 2 Exam** & **placed third in NC**. Considering he has learned no new material in Spanish 2 at CHH, **this is Marlow & Amy's win!** She's that good. **Do I recommend Amy Ruff? Yes! Two thumbs up!**



**Prerequisite, Student Age, & Course Unit Value:** The Spanish II prerequisite is Spanish I. Student age ranges from **advanced middle school to high school**. The course's unweighted value equals one unit of high school foreign language or elective credit.

**Bio:** Amy Ruff lives next to her **beloved alma mater, Duke University**, & enjoys teaching, tutoring, & test prepping students **in person** as well as **online** in her areas of specialty: **literary analysis; writing & composition; Spanish; psychology; philosophy & religion; SAT, ACT, & APs; executive-functioning & study skills**.

Having completed her **BA at Duke University with double majors in English & religion**, Amy also earned a **Certificate in Duke's rigorous interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program**. While an undergraduate & after graduation, Amy worked in **editing for the Duke University Press** & continues to **freelance edit**.

**Intuitive and seasoned at identifying & developing the potential in her students**, Amy's **energetic & engaging style** enables students to **grow in their knowledge of subject matter** while also **honing their critical-thinking skills & elevating their character**. Having **homeschooled her own children through high school**, Amy continues to **support the homeschooling community by offering group-class tutorials**.

Counseling students to **align self-understanding with their envisioned future**, Amy has aided many to **make wise choices** for their **post-high-school paths**. She has assisted students to **succeed on test prep & applications for acceptance** into a range of schools. From **Harvard, Duke, & Stanford** to **UNC & NCSU** to **community colleges across NC**, Amy's students **thrive in diverse academic, artistic, athletic, trade, & professional pursuits**.

Of **Argentine-Italian descent** & hailing from **Italian roots in Pittsburgh, PA**, Amy attended boarding prep school on a **full scholarship & received a college scholarship from the Spanish National Honor Society**. Amy continued her **Spanish studies at Duke** & served on **short-term missions as a Spanish interpreter**. From the **rudiments of grammar & vocabulary** to encounters with **cooking & dancing**, Sra. Amy's students **learn to love Latina language & culture!**

Always eager to serve the local & global community, Amy is a supporter of two **overseas NGOs**, a graduate of the **REI (Racial Equity Institute) training**, & a volunteer with **The Honor Foundation** (helping special-ops retirees, like Amy's deceased big brother who was a decorated Navy SEAL).

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### Class Location/Dates/Times:

- Spanish II is **Tues 845-945 AM 8/26-12/16/25 & 1/6-5/12/25** with breaks **10/14/25 fall, 11/25/25 Thanksgiving, & 3/10/26 spring.**
- Class is at **Grace Church in room #118:** 200 Sage Rd, Chapel Hill, across from Lowe's & just off I-40 at 15-501.

### Regular & Honors Track:

- Regular-Track Students Do the Following:** a) Complete **18 sets of two-page HW** = homework = tarea **every 2 weeks;** b) produce **1 oral report per semester** to present during class; c) take **16 tests** of which **2 are cumulative.**
- Honors-Track Students Do the Following:** In addition to a-c for RT, **HT students** also, d) complete **Confirme Su Progreso exercises** (found in the *Churros y Chocolate/Plazas y Paisajes* texts & crafted for ensuring mastery of the lección material); e) translate some short culture/history, grammar/vocab-based paragraphs (at end of certain lecciones) which may be completed with a partner & should be stapled to/handed in with the lección test; f) memorize names of **Spanish-speaking countries & their capitals** for a **home-proctored test**; g) maintain a **90+% average**, but HT may do **extra credit** if the **average falls below 90%.**

### Materials, Registration, & Tuition:

- Textbook:** Purchase **Scott, Foresman's Churros y Chocolate** for use in the **fall** & **Plazas y Paisajes** for use in the **spring**, noting that **both textbooks** may be in any **used 1979-87 edition.** Vocab, homework, & tests are emailed to the student.
- The nonrefundable **registration/tuition** are based on the student's track & should be paid via one of the following methods.
  - Venmo** [www.venmo.com/Amy-Ruff-8](http://www.venmo.com/Amy-Ruff-8) • **Zelle** under 919-219-4338 • **Mail check** 1101 Anderson St Durham 27705
- The **registration** is due by **June**, & **tuition** is due as **½ in August & ½ in January:**
  - \$75 reg/\$750 tuition regular track**
  - \$100 reg/\$800 tuition honors track**

Names: Student's \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Emails: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Student's \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' \_\_\_\_\_

<b>British Lit 945-11 AM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/750 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/800 <input type="checkbox"/> AP \$125/850		
<b>Spanish I Registration/Tuition</b> <b>11 AM-12 PM Tues at Grace Church</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/750 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/800	<b>Spanish II Registration/Tuition</b> <b>845-945 AM Tues at Grace Church</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/750 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/800	<b>Spanish III Registration/Tuition</b> <b>TBD in Amy's Home or via Zoom</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/750 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/800
<b>Middle School Composition 12-1 PM Tues at Grace Church</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One Track Reg/Tuition \$100/850		
<b>Introduction to Literature 1-2 PM Tues at Grace Church</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/750 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/800		
<b>YSA Young Spanish Adventure on Tues at Grace Church 2-245 PM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One Track Reg/Tuition \$100/750		
<b>YWA Young Writers Adventure on Tues at Grace Church 245-330 PM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One Track Reg/Tuition \$100/750		
<b>Times for Amy's Tuesday 2025-26 Classes – Hybrid offerings of each class are conducted in person &amp; via Zoom (per student preference):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tues/845-945 AM <b>Spanish II</b> (regular &amp; <b>honors</b> tracks) at Grace</li> <li>Tues/945-11 AM <b>British Lit</b> (regular, <b>honors</b>, &amp; <b>AP</b> tracks) at Grace</li> <li>Tues/11 AM-12 PM <b>Spanish I</b> (regular &amp; <b>honors</b> tracks) at Grace</li> <li>Tues/12-1 PM <b>Middle School Composition</b> (one track) at Grace</li> <li>Tues/1-2 PM <b>Intro Lit with Am Lit twist</b> (regular &amp; <b>honors</b>) at Grace</li> <li>Tues/2-245 PM <b>YSA Young Spanish Adventure</b> (ages 7-11) at Grace</li> <li>Tues/245-330 PM <b>YWA Young Writers Adventure</b> (ages 7-11) at Grace</li> <li>TBD <b>Spanish III</b> (regular &amp; <b>honors</b> tracks)</li> </ul>		<b>Middle/High School 2025-26 Class Calendar:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8/26/25</b> First Fall Tues 2025 Class</li> <li><b>10/14/25</b> NO Class for Fall Break</li> <li><b>11/25/25</b> NO Class for Thanksgiving Break</li> <li><b>12/16/25</b> Last 2025 Tues Class</li> <li><b>1/6/26</b> First 2026 Tues Class</li> <li><b>3/10/26</b> NO Class for Spring Break</li> <li><b>5/12/26</b> Last 2026 Tues Class</li> </ul>
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