

## Spanish II 2026-27 Course (Regular or Honors Track)

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Amy Ruff's Home School Tutorials

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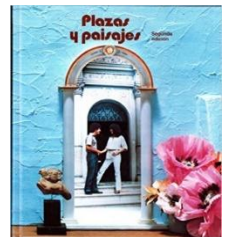
**Course Description:** This Spanish II course develops an intermediate level of proficiency in the target language. Even if inhibited initially, students always increase confidence & enjoy studying Spanish with **Sra. Amy Tango Ruff!**

- 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 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-ish 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 1/4 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 to high school**. Course unweighted value equals one credit for high school foreign language or elective.

**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 & dance**, Sra. Amy's students **learn to love Latina language & culture!**

Always eager to serve her community, Amy is a supporter of **The Honor Foundation** (helping special-ops retirees, like Amy's deceased big brother who was a decorated Navy SEAL); volunteer with **local nonprofits**; board **VP for Feather in a Cap Drama Troupe**; & graduate of **REI (Racial Equity Institute) training**.

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- Regular-Track Students:** a) Complete **18 sets of 2-4-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:** 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* textbooks & crafted for ensuring mastery of the lección material); e) translate some short paragraphs (culture/history, grammar/vocab) at the end of certain lecciones & hand them 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%.

**Class Time/Location/Dates:**

- Span II is **Tues 1115 AM-1210 PM 8/25-12/15/26 & 1/5-5/11/27** with breaks **10/13/26 fall, 11/24/26 T-giving, & 3/9/27 spring**.
- Span II is at **Grace Church in room #118:** 200 Sage Rd, Chapel Hill, across from Lowe's near 15-501/I-40.

**Materials, Registration, & Tuition:**

- Textbook:** Buy **Scott, Foresman's Plazas y Paisajes & Churros y Chocolates** in any **used 1979-87 edition**. Vocab, HW, & tests are emailed to students.
- Registration & Tuition:** As follows, the non-refundable **registration** is due by **June** & tuition as **½ in Aug & ½ in Jan**:
  - \$75 reg/\$850 tuition regular track
  - \$100 reg/\$950 tuition honors track**
  - Venmo** [www.venmo.com/Amy-Ruff-8](http://www.venmo.com/Amy-Ruff-8)
  - Zelle** under 919-219-4338
  - Mail check** 1101 Anderson St 27705

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

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

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

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

<b>Introduction to Psychology 845-10 AM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/900 <input type="checkbox"/> AP \$150/1000		
<b>American Lit 10-1115 AM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/850 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/900 <input type="checkbox"/> AP \$150/1000		
<b>Spanish I Registration/Tuition</b> 1-2 PM Tues at Grace Church <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/800 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/900	<b>Spanish II Registration/Tuition</b> 1115 AM-1210 PM Tues at Grace Church <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/850 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/950	<b>Spanish III Registration/Tuition</b> Day/Time TBD <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/900 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/1000
<b>Middle School Composition 1210-1 PM Tues at Grace Church</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One Track Reg/Tuition \$100/1000		
<b>Introduction to Literature 2-3 PM Tues at Grace Church</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Track \$75/850 <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Track \$100/900		
<b>YSA Young Spanish Adventure on Tues at Grace Church 3-345 PM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One Track Reg/Tuition \$100/800		
<b>YWA Young Writers Adventure on Tues at Grace Church 345-430 PM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One Track Reg/Tuition \$100/900		
<b>Times for Amy's 2026-27 Classes – Hybrid classes are conducted in person &amp; via Zoom (per student preference) *at Grace Church (unless specified otherwise):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tues/845-10 AM <b>Intro Psych</b> (regular &amp; honors tracks; adv 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)</li> <li>*Tues/10-1115 AM <b>American Lit</b> (regular, honors, AP tracks; 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)</li> <li>*Tues/1115 AM-1210 PM <b>Spanish II</b> (regular &amp; honors tracks; 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)</li> <li>*Tues/1210-1 PM <b>Middle School Composition</b> (one track; 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades)</li> <li>*Tues/1-2 PM <b>Spanish I</b> (regular &amp; honors tracks; 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades)</li> <li>*Tues/2-3 PM <b>Intro Lit</b> (regular &amp; honors; 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades)</li> <li>*Tues/3-345 PM <b>YSA Young Spanish Adventure</b> (ages 7-10)</li> <li>*Tues/345-430 PM <b>YWA Young Writers Adventure</b> (ages 7-10)</li> <li>TBD time/place <b>Spanish III</b> (regular &amp; honors tracks; 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades)</li> </ul>		<b>Class Calendar 2026-27 Middle/High School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8/25/26</b> First Fall Tues 2026 Class</li> <li>• <b>10/13/26</b> NO Class for Fall Break</li> <li>• <b>11/24/26</b> NO Class for Thanksgiving Break</li> <li>• <b>12/15/26</b> Last 2026 Tues Class</li> <li>• <b>1/5/27</b> First 2027 Tues Class</li> <li>• <b>3/9/27</b> NO Class for Spring Break</li> <li>• <b>5/11/27</b> Last Class (<b>Comp ends 4/27/27</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>YWA/YSA 2026-27 Class Calendar:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>9/8/26</b> First Fall Class    • <b>10/13/26</b> NO Class Fall Break    • <b>11/24/26</b> NO Class Thanksgiving    • <b>12/1/26</b> Last Class</li> <li>• <b>1/12/27</b> First Class    • <b>3/9/27</b> NO Class for Spring Break    • <b>4/6/27</b> Last Class</li> </ul>		