

Spanish III 2026-27 Course (Regular or Honors Track)

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Amy Ruff's Home School Tutorials

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Course Description: Spanish III develops an advanced-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 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 translation/presentation & conversation projects each semester.
- For New Year's & Cinco-ish de Mayo fiestas, students make & bring a food/drink to share at our two class parties.

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 newer textbooks are just not up to snuff." 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 CHHS, **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 III prerequisite is Spanish II. 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 with her husband Brian next to her beloved alma mater, Duke University. When not spending time with her six precious grandchildren, Amy enjoys teaching, tutoring, & test prepping students in person as well as online in her areas of specialty: SAT, ACT, & APs (AP Eng Lang & Lit, AP Hx, AP Psych); literary analysis; research & composition; Spanish; psychology; philosophy & religion; executive-function/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 & Honors Track:

1. **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**.
2. **Honors-Track Students:** In addition to a-c for RT, **HT students** also: d) complete **Confirme exercises** (found in *Plazas* to ensure mastery); e) translate some short paragraphs (culture/history, grammar/vocab) at the end of certain lecciones & hand them in with the lección test; f) create a conversation with a partner that conveys the past tense; g) maintain a **90+% average** & may do **extra credit** if needed.

Class Time/Location/Dates:

- Spanish III schedule is **TBD 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**.
- Spanish III is at **Grace Church in room #118:** 200 Sage Rd, Chapel Hill, across from Lowe's near 15-501/I-40.

Materials, Registration, & Tuition:

1. **Textbook:** Buy **Scott, Foresman's *Plazas y Paisajes*** in any **used 1979-87 edition**. Vocab, HW, & tests are emailed to students.
2. **Registration & Tuition:** As follows, the non-refundable **registration** is due by **June** & tuition as **½ in Aug & ½ in Jan:**
 - \$75 reg/\$900 tuition regular track
 - **\$100 reg/\$1000 tuition honors track**
 - **Mail check** 1101 Anderson St 27705
 - **Venmo** www.venmo.com/Amy-Ruff-8
 - **Zelle** under 919-219-4338

Names: Student's _____ Parents' _____

Address: _____

Grade ____ Age ____ Emails: _____

Phones: Student's _____ Parents' _____

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