

**Collierville High School**  
**Honor & AP Course Information**

**Name of instructors:** Kristen Smithson

**Course title:** AP Spanish Language and Culture

**Book title(s):**

Harry Potter y la piedra filosofal

AP Spanish Preparing for the Language and Culture Examination

**Course description:** AP Spanish Language and Culture is designed to emulate a third level college course that examines advanced grammar and a whole language approach to studying and preparing for the examination in May. Students are required to purchase supplementary material (approximately \$50.00) as well as pay the fee for the AP Exam.

**Difference between the standard level course and the AP or Honor course:**

The AP Spanish Language and Culture course is taught in the target language and the students are required and expected to communicate with each other and the teacher in Spanish. There will be outside reading and essay writing required of the students weekly in addition to other homework assignments. It is equivalent to a third year Spanish course at the college level. There is no standard equivalent.

**Example of a week's assignments or syllabus:**

Vocabulary/Grammar instruction will be at the beginning of the week from Conexiones, the textbook provided by the school. In the middle of the week, the class focuses on specific sections of the AP Exam and practices in order to prepare for the types of activities expected of them in May. At the end of the week, students will display their knowledge and skills in reading the outside text.

**Supplemental material needed:** Spanish/English dictionary (usually purchased for Spanish I class)

**Projects and term papers required:** There are a few projects throughout the year and the students will be required to write essays on a regular basis in the target language.

**Required summer work (available on the CHS web site - password: aphonors):** Yes, there is summer work. Students will be required to watch videos and/or read articles on various websites over the summer and prepare short summaries of what they have read or seen and submit them to the teacher.

**Associated Clubs:** Spanish III, IV, and AP Club, National Spanish Honor Society