**Unit 1: My University schedule**

I’m a freshman at San Andreas University majoring in Spanish. This semester I’m taking 6 courses, 18 hours. Two major courses, two required courses, one minor course and one elective course. I’m taking ***Spanish History***, ***Spanish Grammar***, ***Descriptive Writing***, ***Business Math***, ***Sports Dance*** and ***Web Design***. My busiest day is Monday, I have 4 courses back-to-back so I have no time for lunch. My easiest day is Wednesday, I have only one course, and Friday is my free day. After I graduate I would like to be a Spanish high school teacher.

My most important class is ***Spanish History***. It’s in the grad school building and it’s a big class, there’s about 45 students. Mr. Gonzalez is the professor and he’s Spanish. He speaks only Spanish in class but after class he will sometimes explain things in English. He’s pretty strict about homework. We will have four small tests and two term papers instead of just a midterm and final. I hear that he is an easy grader, but I don’t know yet. Spanish history is very interesting, and he also covers Spanish novels, such as *Don Quixote*.

 In ***Spanish Grammar*** we cover grammar, which is just a lot of memorizing, which is not my strong point. The class is only an hour, once a week, so that is good for my short attention span. The class is large, about 100 students, so hopefully I’ll make a lot of new friends who I can study with.

***Descriptive Writing*** is my favorite class, but it’s also the hardest. We have to write two papers every week. The goal is that we get good at writing clearly, and fast. Actually, one paper is descriptive and the other is an academic essay, describing the same thing. When time allows, we discuss what we wrote. There is no peer editing, which I love, because I hate for classmates to read my writing.

***Business Math*** is also hard. I may drop this course. The professor has a strong accent and it’s just tiring to try to comprehend him. I took this class because I’m good in math and I thought I would get an easy A. But I heard he’s a hard grader. My classmate told me not to drop, I would eventually get used to his accent.

***Sports Dance*** class we have just once a week for three hours. Normally I would love this class but it starts at 9 a.m. All the other times were filled. I want to make sure I get enough exercise so I took this class. I had ***Sports Dance*** in high school so this class should be pretty easy. I hope I can bring my GPA up with this class.

***Web Design*** is challenging. Very. I feel like a visitor to another planet, all the terms and everything are new to me. This class meets three times a week right after lunch, and so sometimes I’m a little sleepy. The professor is a total nerd who is really into web design. However, he knows his stuff and he’s very patient with explaining things. I hope this class will help me make better presentations in all my future classes. But, web design requires a lot of detail work, and I’m not a detail person.

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| minor | short attention span | GPA |
| elective | easy A | nerd |
| strict | hard grader | detail person |
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