**Trabajo de investigación – SPA 202**

This semester you only have one writing assignment. This will take the form of a very detailed and well-developed five page research paper. The paper will be written in phases with each phase corresponding to a different deadline throughout the semester. Please do not use a paper that you’ve already written for another class. Nor should you plan to write the same paper for two classes that you are currently taking. Following are descriptions of each phase and their corresponding due dates. Use the following guidelines for all of your writing for this project:

* In Spanish
* 12pt. Times New Roman
* Double spaced
* Standard 1” margins (default)
* APA (preferred) or MLA format

The final product will be 5 pages written in Spanish using the formatting guidelines above. You must also use a minimum of 6 academic sources for this paper. Please see the guidelines for each paso below:

**Paso 1:** Topic Selection and Justification

1. **Consider** a topic that is of interest to you. You can select a topic related to what we’ve studied in *Así lo veo* or another topic of your choosing. The topic should be appropriate for a research paper of this length. All good research papers begin with a good research question. Consider the following example questions:
   1. What do Spanish speakers believe about deity?
   2. What role did religion play in the Spanish conquest?
   3. What is the role of religion in South America?

These three research questions all deal with the topic of religion but only one would be well-suited for a research paper of this nature, question 2. Question 1 is far too broad and any attempt to answer this question would likely fail given the length requirements of this paper. Question 3 at least selects a geographical region but South America is huge and full of diverse beliefs. This complexity again would likely lead to a paper full of sweeping generalizations. Question 2 is still a bit broad but depending on how the paper begins to unfold, could be narrowed even further by focusing on the conquest of one particular civilization (ie. Aztec, Mapuche, etc.).

1. **Write** one page in Spanish explaining the topic you’ve chosen and why you’ve chosen it.
   1. Be sure to include your research question early on in your paragraph and describe how you intend to go about answering your question. Discuss some of the sources you’ll need to find in order to accomplish this task and talk about why this topic is interesting to you.

**Paso 2:** Outline and Three Resources

1. **Identify** three of the six sources that you’ll utilize to write your research paper. One source may be our Así lo veo text. Although the internet is a good place to start, only peer-reviewed articles, books, and films should be used for your remaining four sources. The [College library has put together a webpage](http://libguides.collegeofidaho.edu/c.php?g=496146&p=3393897) that can help you identify these sources. Include your sources in APA/MLA format at the end of your outline.
2. **Write** a general outline of your entire paper. This will serve as the skeleton of your paper and should include headings, subheadings, and one paragraph for each main area that you’d like to develop in your paper. This should be in outline form with a bulleted format. Include the paragraphs as a bullet in their corresponding section of the outline. Consider the following example:
   1. Introduction
      * Immigration between Peru and Chile
      * Thesis: What are the main causes of immigration between Peru and Chile?
      * *Paragraph justifying the selection of the topic and introducing the main areas to be addressed.*
   2. Reasons for immigration
      * Job market
      * Family ties
      * Oppression
      * Adventure
      * *Paragraph that introduces this main point of your argument. You could then go into detail about each reason as you begin to prepare your full paper.*
   3. Regions of high immigrant populations
      * Where are immigrants in Chile coming from and why
      * Maintenance of culture in a foreign land
      * Perception/reception of immigrants
      * *Paragraph to discuss these various places of immigration and issues these immigrants face.*
   4. Evidence of tension as seen through linguistic landscape
      * Signage in areas of high immigration
      * Multilingualism on signage in these areas
      * The semiotics of racism
      * *Again, this should be a paragraph that introduces this main part of your overall argument.*
   5. Conclusion
      * Restate thesis
      * *Write your concluding paragraph based on how you think your paper might flow and in consideration of your three selected resources. Your final conclusion may change but this will get you thinking about the arch of your paper.*

**Paso 3:** Final Resources and Full First draft

1. **Consider and reflect** on the feedback provided on Paso 2. Make the appropriate adjustments and modifications to your original outline and then begin the writing process.
2. **Identify** the remaining 3 of your total 6 sources that you’ll utilize to write your research paper. Remember that one of your sources may be our Así lo veo text. Although the internet is a good place to start, only peer-reviewed articles, books, and films should be used for your remaining four sources. The [College library has put together a webpage](http://libguides.collegeofidaho.edu/c.php?g=496146&p=3393897) that can help you identify these sources. Include your sources in APA/MLA format at the top of your outline.
3. **Write** your introduction. The introduction includes a brief preview of what you’ll be addressing in your paper and should conclude with a clear, concise thesis statement. Here are some examples to get you thinking in that direction:
   1. Betty la fea, a popular Colombian telenovela, highlights issues of gender, class, and homosexuality. In this paper, I will provide specific examples of each of these topics as portrayed in the popular program.
   2. It is common knowledge that fútbol in Latin American countries is wildly popular. At times, this popularity can be detrimental rather than beneficial. In this paper, I will explain how economic fallout caused by world cups, street riots, and extreme socioeconomic gaps make up the dark underbelly of this beloved international sport.
4. **Write** the full first draft of your entire paper (5 pages). This draft will be peer edited by another student from class and returned to you with comments and feedback.
   1. A guide on how to peer edit others’ documents will be provided to you. Please be as thorough as possible in providing your feedback.

**Paso 4:** Final draft

1. **Write and submit** the final draft of your research paper to Canvas.
2. ¡Felicidades, lo hiciste!