

## **Revision of Ancillary Lab AY 2007-2008, accepted by the Spanish Division April, 2007**

The Ancillary Lab was created to complement the Sony Lab and to help students with their specific problems in Spanish or to provide additional one-on-one practice and instruction to students at all language levels. Although a small group of students (9-12/week) regularly uses the Ancillary Lab, this group is comprised primarily of students from 310/315. Furthermore, in course evaluations, students consistently request more explicit grammatical instruction. With this in mind, AY 2007-2008 will include a second lab option, a level-specific “Grammar Workshop”, intended for students enrolled in 110-210.

### **Rationale**

- Scheduling realities mandate that students in 110,115 and 210 have class in the Sony Lab only 4-5 times each semester. The grammar workshop would increase their exposure to and practice with the language and makes the required enrollment in a language lab more meaningful and useful.
- Such a workshop responds to students’ requests for explicit grammatical instruction and practice without interfering with the communicative activities that are the focus of the regular class time.
- The grammar workshop provides instructors more experience in teaching grammatical concepts and frees them for perfecting their communicative method skills in the regular classroom.

### **Content and Organization**

- The “workshop” will reinforce the grammatical concepts being utilized in class the week of the lab, and grammatical concepts will correspond with the course syllabus for each level. For example, a 115 instructor might lead a discussion and practice about *ser/estar* while a 210 instructor might lead a workshop on the subjunctive.
- The instructor leading a specific week’s grammar workshop prepares the explanations and activities beforehand as is done for a regular class session.

### **Staffing**

- Last year four instructors staffed each ancillary lab section (two each from the levels not in the Sony Lab on a particular day). We are maintaining the Ancillary Lab as is, but with two instructors (one from each level). This will allow the continued availability of the lab for students who have specific questions or concerns to seek individualized assistance.
- One instructor from each level not leading Sony Lab teaches the grammar workshop while the other staffs the Ancillary Lab. The instructors rotate between AL and GW classes.
- In the event that only one instructor is available during scheduled lab time (that is, if there is only one lab section scheduled for a given hour, such is the case at 4:10 on Tuesdays for Fall 07), that instructor will rotate between AL and GW.

### **Logistics**

- Two classrooms (RH 202 and RH 211) have been reserved for Tuesdays during lab times. These rooms accommodate 20 students each. Because not all students will be able to attend the grammar workshop each week, they are required to sign up for a specific date and time.
- Students must sign up for the grammar workshop by the Monday before the scheduled session (one day before lab on Tuesday) on a sign-up sheet located on the counter in the language lab (RH 325). In addition, each instructor will distribute a sign-up sheet during the session to confirm attendance. These sheets will then be distributed to the classroom instructors.

-Students must sign up for the grammar workshop session that corresponds to their scheduled lab time. If, as of Tuesday morning, there are spaces remaining, students may sign up for another time.

- Students will be required a minimum number of grammar workshops of their choice according to the level coordinator. I suggest that they be required to attend two sessions before midterm and two following midterm to avoid end-of-semester scheduling difficulties. They may elect to attend more sessions, only on a space-available basis.

-The grammar workshop is conducted in English.

**Ancillary Lab** will continue as last year, with the following changes:

-AL will be staffed by two, rather than four, instructors

-Students from other levels may attend AL sessions on a space-available basis

**Sony Lab** continues as last year. Attendance (four or five classes, according to level) is mandatory.