• Your oral exam will last approximately 10 minutes and will take place in a room (or rooms) to be specified by your professor.

• You will schedule your oral exam time slot ahead of time on a sign-up sheet provided by your professor. If you do not show up for your oral exam on the day and time chosen by you, you will receive a zero on the exam, with no possibility of a make-up.

• Your professor will distribute in advance the list of topics and the grading criteria to be used for the oral exam. Be sure to look over this material carefully in preparation for your exam. While you have access to the various exam topics ahead of time in order to prepare mentally and review any necessary vocabulary and grammatical structures, you will NOT be allowed to refer to note cards, your textbook, a Spanish-English dictionary, or any other resource materials during the exam. The exam is a test of your ability to express your ideas more or less spontaneously in Spanish. It is NOT a test of your ability to read or to memorize paragraphs in Spanish. While your professor may ask you questions or make brief comments during your exam to help you or let you know that he/she understands what you are saying, the major responsibility of producing the content is YOURS. Think of the exam as a type of monologue on your part, with occasional feedback from your interested listener.

• Before your oral exam, your professor will have cut the list of topics into individual strips of paper, such that one topic appears on each slip. The slips of paper will be folded and placed in a container. At the start of your exam, you randomly will choose three (3) slips of paper from the container. You will have a minute or so to review the topics and then choose two (2) and only two of them to discuss during your exam (i.e., you will choose your favorite 2 of the 3 possibilities). Then you will begin speaking. Prepare to speak for approximately two to three minutes about each of the two topics, for a total of four to six minutes of speaking.

• During your exam, relax and try to enjoy the experience of sharing your thoughts with your professor. This will enhance your performance. Good luck!