Using the US-International Keyboard

To activate the US-International Keyboard, click on the keyboard icon (lower right of screen) and choose US-International.

The US-International keyboard uses the ', `, ~, ^, " as dead keys (shown below) and uses Right-ALT plus !, ?, and a number of other keys to produce characters not normally available. The accents are intuitive, and they work with the standard US keyboard so students do not need to learn any special codes of non-standard letter positions. Tap the accent dead key, then tap the vowel for which you want the accent.

The ' dead key also works for the cedilla:

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\begin{align*}
\prime + \hat{e} &= \hat{e} \\
\tilde{n} + \hat{e} &= \hat{e} \\
\tilde{n} + \hat{c} &= \hat{c}
\end{align*}
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Hitting the spacebar or a non-accented letter after a dead key produces the key's normal value, i.e. ', `, ~, ^, or ".

Other special characters can be entered by using the Right-Alt key in combination with other keys (esp. useful for ¿, ¡, ß). For Spanish, it might be easier to use the Right-Alt key for accents too:

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\begin{align*}
\text{Alt-?} &= \¿ \\
\text{Alt-!} &= \¡ \\
\text{Alt-s} &= \ß \\
\text{Alt-n} &= \ñ \\
\text{Alt-N} &= \Ñ \\
\text{Alt-,} &= \ç \\
\text{Alt-a} &= \á \\
\text{Alt-e} &= \é \\
\text{Alt-i} &= \í \\
\text{Alt-o} &= \ó \\
\text{Alt-u} &= \ú
\end{align*}
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http://www.cortland.edu/www/icc/Keyboard.html