



Spanish Syllabus:

An Introduction to the Spanish Language (Online)

Course title: An Introduction to the Spanish Language

Time of class: Mondays, 2pm PST/5pm EST & Fridays, 2pm PST/5pm EST

Class Start: First week of September

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Course Description:

With advancements in globalization, the world is becoming more connected every day. This includes being in contact with people from other countries and from around the world like we would previously have never imagined. Spanish is the second most-spoken language in the world, followed by English. Spanish is a powerful tool that helps us not only in our professional lives, but also in our personal lives as it helps us grow by expanding our cultural horizons and knowledge of the world. Spanish-speaking countries and peoples have produced countless works of art, literature, music, architecture, incredible cuisine, and more saints than you can count. As such, Spanish is becoming part of the day-to-day world we live in, and learning this beautiful tongue is something that will serve us not just for the present, but for the future as well.

There are many ways to teach a language: conversationally, textbook-based, translation based, *etc.* Often, the way a second language is taught in most educational institutions is not the most effective way. We tend to learn with a specific method that might work for some, but not for many. When confronted with the chance to use this knowledge given us in our school years, we realize that all those hours we spent studying have amounted to almost nothing when we need it most.

The goal of this course is to use a variety of teaching methods that mimic one of the most effective ways of learning any language: total immersion. It is this proven method that yields the best results and helps us keep the information most effectively. Since we are not expected to have all the answers in our notebook for later use, using total immersion helps us confront the language barrier head-on and motivate ourselves to solve problems on the spot. Starting with the very basics of the Spanish alphabet and syllables, we will begin our journey into this wonderful language. This will be followed by daily conversations in class, bringing in everyday situations that help us gradually learn the meaning of unfamiliar words and connect them to our native language in

ways we never thought were possible. We will also have regular reading sessions that will solidify the connection between the sounds of the words and their meanings to written text in order to further our knowledge of the language.

Required Reading: *El Principito* by Saint-Exupéry

Resources: *Cuentos y Lecturas en Castellano* by Maria Solano

Evaluation: Participation 50%, Written projects and assignments 30%, Midterm project and presentation 10%, Final project and presentation 10%.

Grading Scale: 94-100 A, 90-93 A-, 87-89 B+, 84-86 B, 80-83 B-. 77-79 C+. 74-76 C, 70-73 C-, 60-69 D; 59 and below F. Incomplete = I.

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Course Schedule

Week 1: 08/31/2020 - 09/06/2020

Friday, 09/04/2020:

Class introductions and explanation of course.

Week 2: 09/07/2020 - 09/13/2020

Friday, 09/11/2020:

The Spanish Alphabet (Vowels, consonants and correct pronunciation).

Week 3: 09/14/2020 - 09/20/2020

Monday, 09/14/2020:

The Spanish Alphabet. (Vowels, consonants and correct pronunciation) cont.

Friday, 09/18/2020:

Introduction to basic Spanish grammar.

Week 4: 09/21/2020 - 09/27/2020

Monday, 09/21/2020:

Introduction to basic Spanish grammar.

Friday, 09/25/2020:

Grammar lesson 1: Verbs of the first conjugation

Week 5: 09/28/2020 - 10/04/2020

Monday, 09/28/2020:

Grammar exercise 1: "LOS CINCO RAYOS DE SOL" pt.1

Friday, 10/02/2020:

"Hours of the day" and Numbers in Spanish.

Week 6: 10/05/2020 - 10/11/2020

Monday, 10/05/2020:

Colors in Spanish, days of the week and Written Project 1: "Vamos de Compra!"

Friday, 10/09/2020:

In-class discussion of written project 1: "Vamos de compra!"

Week 7: 10/12/2020 - 10/18/2020

Monday, 10/12/2020:

Grammar lesson 2: Verbs of the second conjugation.

Friday, 10/16/2020:

Grammar exercise 2: "LOS CINCO RAYOS DE SOL" pt. 2-3

Week 8: 10/19/2020 - 10/25/2020

Monday, 10/19/2020:

"The dining room and the three meals" and Written Project 2: "Mi comida favorita."

Friday, 10/23/2020:

In-class discussion of Written Project 2: "Mi comida favorita."

Week 9: 10/26/2020 - 11/01/2020

Monday, 10/26/2020:

In-class short story reading 1: "Quieres ir a comer?" and Written Project 3: "Una tarde en el restaurante."

Friday, 10/30/2020:

In-class discussion of written project 3: "Una tarde en el restaurante".

Week 10: 11/02/2020 - 11/08/2020

Monday, 11/02/2020:

Grammar lesson 3: Verbs of the third conjugation.

Friday, 11/06/2020:

Grammar exercise 3: "LOS CINCO RAYOS DE SOL" PT. 4

Week 11: 11/09/2020 - 11/15/2020

Monday, 11/09/2020:

In-class short story reading 2: "El primer viaje en avión de Pablo."

Friday, 11/13/2020:

My dream vacation and Written Project 3: "Vamonos de viaje!"

Week 12: 11/16/2020 - 11/22/2020

Monday, 11/16/2020:

In-class discussion of Written Project 3: "Vamonos de viaje!"

Friday, 11/20/2020:

Multimedia class 1: Transcription of "Eres tu" by Mocedades.

Thanksgiving Break: November 21 - 29

Week 13: 11/30/2020 - 12/06/2020

Monday, 11/30/2020:

Autumn traditions around the world and written project: 4: "Mi tradición de Otoño favorita." / Spring traditions around the world and written project 4: "Mi tradición de primavera favorita."

Friday, 04/12/2020:

In-class discussion of written project 4: "Mi tradición de Otoño favorita." / "Mi tradición de primavera favorita."

Week 14: 12/07/2020 - 12/13/2020

Monday, 12/07/2020:

Short story reading 2: "La magia de las estaciones." and written project 5: "Mi estación favorita."

Friday, 12/11/2020:

In-class discussion of written project 5: "Mi estación favorita."

Week 15: 12/14/2020 - 12/20/2020

Monday, 12/14/2020:

Grammar lesson 4: "LOS CINCO RAYOS DE SOL" pt. 5 and review for final project "El sexto rayo de sol."

Friday, 12/18/2020:

In-class discussion and presentation of final project "El sexto rayo de sol".

Winter break: December 18 - January 19

Week 16: 01/18/2021 - 01/24/2021

Friday, 01/22/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter I-II

Week 17: 01/25/2021 - 01/31/2021

Monday, 01/25/2021:

Grammar lesson 1: The verbs "portarse, salir, sentarse, divertirse, defender, etc." and Grammar exercise 1: "LA ESCUELA" pt.1

Friday, 01/29/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter III-IV

Week 18: 02/01/2021 - 02/07/2021

Monday, 02/01/2021:

Grammar lesson 2: The verbs "portarse, salir, sentarse, divertirse, defender, etc.",
Grammar exercise 2: "LA ESCUELA" pt.2 and Written project 1: "Como es mi salon de clase ideal"

Friday, 02/05/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter IV-V

Week 19: 02/08/2021 - 02/14/2021

Monday, 02/08/2021:

In-class discussion of Written project 1: "Cómo es mi salón de clase ideal?"

Friday, 02/12/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter V-VI

Week 20: 02/15/2021 - 02/21/2021

Monday, 02/15/2021:

Grammar lesson 3: The verbs "decir y venir" and Grammar exercise 3: "LA SARDINA Y LA OSTRA"

Friday, 02/18/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter VII-VIII

Week 21: 02/22/2021 - 02/28/2021

Monday, 02/22/2021:

Grammar lesson 4: The verbs "pedir, servir, seguir, etc." and Grammar exercise 4: "LOS HUEVOS DE ORO"

Friday, 02/26/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter IX-X

Week 22: 03/01/2021 - 03/07/2021

Monday, 03/01/2021:

Grammar lesson 5: The verb "caer", the past participle, perfect participle and Grammar exercise 5: "ESPAÑA" pt.1

Friday, 03/05/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter XI-XII

Week 23: 03/08/2021 - 03/14/2021

Monday, 03/08/2021:

Grammar lesson 6: The verb "caer", the past participle, perfect participle and Grammar exercise 6: "ESPAÑA" pt.2

Friday, 03/12/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter XIII-XIV

Week 24: 03/15/2021 - 03/21/2021

Monday, 03/15/2021:

Grammar lesson 7: The preterite tense, Grammar exercise 7: "PROVERBIOS ESPAÑOLES" and written project 2: "Mis proverbios favoritos."

Friday, 03/19/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter XV-XVI

Week 25: 03/22/2021 - 03/28/2021

Monday, 03/22/2021:

In-class discussion of Written project 2: "Mis proyectos favoritos"

Friday, 03/26/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter XVII-XVIII

Week 26: 03/29/2021 - 04/04/2021

Monday, 03/29/2021:

In-class short story reading 1: "DESCRIPCION DE LA HUERTA"

Friday, 04/02/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter XIX-XX

Spring break: April 4-12

Week 27: 04/12/2021 - 04/18/2021

Monday, 04/12/2021:

In-class short story reading 2: "LA CABRA, LA AVISPA Y EL LOBO" pt. 1

Friday, 04/16/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter XXI-XXII

Week 28: 04/19/2021 - 04/25/2021

Monday, 04/19/2021:

In-class short story reading 2: "LA CABRA, LA AVISPA Y EL LOBO" pt. 2

Friday, 04/23/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter XXIII-XIV

Week 29: 04/26/2021 - 05/02/2021

Monday, 04/26/2021:

In-class short story reading 2: "LA CABRA, LA AVISPA Y EL LOBO" pt. 3

Friday, 04/30/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter XXV-XXVI

Week 30: 05/03/2021 - 05/09/2021

Monday, 05/03/2021:

In-class reading of El principito: Chapter XXVII and review of for final project "Mi parte favorita de El principito"

Friday, 05/07/2021:

In-class presentation of final project: "Mi parte favorita de El principito"