

## **Spanish 101 Beginner I**

**Course Length: 4 weeks, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week.**

This course is an introduction to Spanish for the beginning student. The course is very intense and will teach basic grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation as well as reading and writing. The first session every class will be grammar and vocabulary. The second session will be a conversation lab. Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to express themselves in the present, past and future tenses. The student must do all their homework and participate in the class, especially if they are taking the course for college credit.

### **Week One**

- ✓ Introductory phrases and greetings. Hello and goodbye.
- ✓ The alphabet and vowels.
- ✓ Pronunciation.
- ✓ Colors.
- ✓ Numbers 1 to 10.
- ✓ Ordinal numbers.
- ✓ Days of the week.
- ✓ Subject pronouns.
- ✓ Possessive pronouns.
- ✓ The structure of the auxiliary verbs poder, tener que, querer.
- ✓ Conjugation in first and second person.
- ✓ Number and gender of the nouns.
- ✓ The structure of the auxiliary verbs necesitar and deber.
- ✓ The special verb gustar.
- ✓ Vocabulary relative to food.
- ✓ Indefinite article.

### **Week Two**

- ✓ Conjugation of verbs.
- ✓ Introduction to the verbs that need prepositions: en, a, con, sin, de.
- ✓ Uses of prepositions in sentences.
- ✓ Telling time.
- ✓ Parts of the body.
- ✓ Conversation using the verbs and vocabulary we have studied.
- ✓ Formation of sentences in the present tense.
- ✓ The irregular verb hacer.
- ✓ Expressing your hobbies.
- ✓ Connecting phrases in the present tense.
- ✓ Introduction and conjugation of the verb ser.
- ✓ Identification: Qué es...?, Quién es...?, Dónde es...?
- ✓ The neutral demonstratives: Qué es eso/esto/aquello?

### **Week Three**

- ✓ Family vocabulary, family tree.
- ✓ Countries and their citizenship.
- ✓ The verbs ser and estar used for description.
- ✓ Position, gender and number of the adjectives.
- ✓ Possessive adjectives.
- ✓ Definite articles.
- ✓ List of verb ser and adjectives used for description.
- ✓ Introduction and conjugation of the verb estar.
- ✓ Estar used in location.
- ✓ Future tense.

## **Week Four**

- ✓ Irregular present tense verbs.
- ✓ Months of the year.
- ✓ Adverbs of location in front, under, inside, etc.
- ✓ Numbers.
- ✓ The irregular verb haber.
- ✓ The difference between haber and estar.
- ✓ Important places such as hospital, school, etc.
- ✓ Shopping vocabulary.
- ✓ Seasons of the year.
- ✓ Comparisons.
- ✓ Possessive pronouns.
- ✓ Demonstrative adjectives.
- ✓ The regular and irregular verbs in the past tense.
- ✓ Clothing vocabulary.

## **Grading:**

45% from homework and participation in class.  
20% of the grade will come from weekly quizzes.  
20% from the final exam.  
15% from the mid-term exam.

## **Grading Scale**

95-100% A+  
90- 94% A  
85-89% B+  
80-84% B  
75-79% C+  
70-74% C  
65-69% D+  
60-64% D  
59% and below is an F

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**The Use of English:** In this course your instructor will speak Spanish 90% of the time. You may use English only when absolutely necessary. When you need to ask a question in English, please ask permission to speak in English only after you have first tried to ask the question or express yourself in Spanish. Speaking only in Spanish will speed up the process of learning the language. It is very important that you use the vocabulary and construction that you will be learning. You should continue to speak Spanish after you leave the classroom. That is one of the advantages of studying in a Spanish speaking country and living with a local family.

**Attendance:** The shortness and intensity of the course demands that you be at every class if at all possible. The student will be allowed only one unexcused absence per course. For emergencies and sickness you will be offered make up classes.

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