

Spanish 201 Intermediate Level I

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

Prerequisites: Spanish 101 and 102 are required in order to take this course.

The course is very intense and will teach grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation as well as reading and writing. Basic structures and grammar the student must know to understand written and spoken Spanish will be taught. 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 maintain conversations with family and friends using pronouns.

Week One

- ✓ Review of auxiliary verbs with reflexive, direct and indirect pronouns.
- ✓ Review of the conjugation of verbs regular and irregular verbs in the past tense.
- ✓ Review of reflexive verbs and direct and indirect pronouns.
- ✓ Verbs that show movement with gerunds, conjugated in past tense.
- ✓ Uses of the verbs quedar and caber.
- ✓ Review of the uses of the past tense and the past imperfect tense.

Week Two

- ✓ Differences between reflexive and regular verbs (dormir, dormirse).
- ✓ Differences between tan and tanto.
- ✓ The special verbs in present and past tense.
- ✓ The direct and indirect pronouns together.
- ✓ Uses of the expressions 'es que' and 'o sea'.
- ✓ Uses of the verb hacer.

Week Three

- ✓ Uses of por and para.
- ✓ Important expressions that use por and para.
- ✓ Uses of 'así'.
- ✓ Imperative tense.
- ✓ Uses of 'lo que'.
- ✓ The accident verbs with emphasis on past tense.

Week Four

- ✓ Introduction to the subjunctive tense with the expression 'ojalá'.
- ✓ The many uses of the English word 'time' (hora, tiempo, vez,).
- ✓ Uses of the past participle.
- ✓ The list of verbs with two past participles.
- ✓ Uses of the verb echar.
- ✓ Present perfect and past perfect tense.

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: During the 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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