

Intensive Spanish course - A1.1 level

3 ECTS

Online hours: 30 hours

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DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to Spanish intensive course A1.1! This course is intended for students with no previous knowledge of the Spanish language and culture. The aim of this course is to provide students with the elementary-level communication tools necessary to communicate simply in familiar settings.

Students will have a chance to practise all four areas of language knowledge: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Through contexts based on routine actions, they will come up against and resolve real communication situations. Our goal is that students develop language production and comprehension skills, and the necessary strategies to communicate. To this end, they will engage in activities such as interviews, short oral presentations and role playing. This will give them the chance to put into practice and use the grammatical, lexical, functional and inter(cultural) content they learn in class.

The functional, (inter)cultural, lexical and grammatical content will be taught using a communicative grammar and task-based approach. For that reason, it is very important for the students to participate actively in the in- class activities.

ACCESS:

No previous knowledge of the language is required.

WORK METHOD:

This course takes a communicative, action-oriented approach, integrating functional, grammatical, lexical and cultural aspects into the teaching modules.

CONTENT:

GRAMMATICAL: personal pronouns; respect treatment; verbs ser, llamarse and tener; gender and number; (in)determinate articles; interrogative pronouns: qué, cuál(es), cuántos/as, dónde, cómo; regular present indicative; reflexive verbs; verb estar; difference between hay and está; quantifiers: muy, mucho/a, muchos/as; possessive adjectives; character and physical description adjectives; verb ir; preferir, querer + infinitive/noun; prepositions a and en; some irregularities of the present indicative; adverbs / expressions of frequency; adverbs / adjectives of quantity; Verbs gustar, encantar, doler; también/tampoco;

FUNCTIONAL: give and ask for personal details; greet and say goodbye; resources for asking questions about words; expressing intent; expressing what we know how to do in other languages; describing places; expressing existence and location; speaking about the weather; identifying objects; expressing need; shopping; speaking about preferences; speaking about appearance and character; expressing and comparing likes and interests; speaking about personal relationships.

LEXICAL: alphabet; numbers; colours; nationalities; professions; languages; daily routine; home, neighbourhood; physical appearance, character; clothing; transports, travel; parts of the day, days of the week; food and drinks; human body; recreational and leisure activities; weather.

CULTURAL: language learning; Spanish-speaking cities; cultural differences; shops in Spain; restaurants in Spain

COURSE ASSESSMENT:

Minimum mark required to pass the course: 50%

Assessment criteria:

- **Ongoing assessment: 40%**
- **Final exam (50%)**
- **Attendance and active participation in class (10%)**