

COURSE: SPANISH CONVERSATION I

Language	Spanish
Level of Spanish required	Multi-level
Hours of class	22.5 hrs.
Credits	3 ECTS

Course description

This is aimed at the students who are interested in developing their resources and strategies to communicate adequately in daily contexts. Its objective is to contribute to produce a fluent and natural discourse in Spanish which promotes interaction and the use of strategies in expression and oral comprehension which are adequate to different situations.

Methodology

This is a highly practical course. In each session, functional language and vocabulary will be presented and then practised in conversations in pairs and groups.



Assessment

Attendance and participation in class: 40%

Mid-term oral exam: 30%

Final oral exam: 30%

Both oral fluency and pronunciation will be taken into account, as well as appropriate register and language skills for this level.

Syllabus

1. Strategies and resources for:
 - 1.1. Solving lexical problems without interrupting conversation
 - 1.2. Asking for a repetition or explanation
 - 1.3. Catching the attention of the listener, introducing a comment
 - 1.4. Starting to speak, interrupting, and asking for an explanation
 - 1.5. Letting someone speak, asking for agreement

2. Expressive strategies and resources:
 - 2.1. Agreement and disagreement
 - 2.2. Recognition, incredulity and doubt
 - 2.3. Surprise, joy and sadness
 - 2.4. Suggestions
 - 2.5. Acceptance

3. Use of colloquial expressions and idioms in conversation
4. Communicative situations and topics for debate:
 - 4.1. Advantages and disadvantages of different occupations
 - 4.2. Health and sport
 - 4.3. Shopping: malls, supermarkets and traditional shops
 - 4.4. Travelling in Spain
 - 4.5. Clothes and fashion
 - 4.6. Technology
 - 4.7. The media
 - 4.8. Living in Spain. The main differences between Spain and other countries

Bibliography

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