



Online Courses for High School Students
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Spanish I

Students in Spanish I focus on the four key areas of world language study: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Spanish 1 represents an ideal blend of language-learning pedagogy and online learning. Each unit consists of a new vocabulary theme and grammar concept, reading and listening comprehension activities, speaking and writing activities, multimedia cultural presentations, and interactive activities and practices that reinforce vocabulary and grammar. There is a strong emphasis on providing context and conversational examples for the language concepts presented in each unit. Students should expect to be actively engaged in their own language learning; become familiar with common vocabulary terms and phrases; comprehend a wide range of grammar patterns; participate in simple conversations and respond appropriately to basic conversational prompts; analyze and compare cultural practices, products, and perspectives of various Spanish-speaking countries; and take frequent assessments during which their language progression can be monitored. The course has been carefully aligned to national standards as set forth by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Students explore greetings; school; the alphabet; adjectives; colors; countries; numbers; telling time; -ir, -er, and -ar verbs; days, months, and seasons; hobbies and pastimes, food, family, places, animals, shopping and weather.

Prerequisite: None

Course Length: Two Semesters

Course Outline:

Semester A:

Unit 1: Greetings

- Vocab: Greetings
- Grammar: Subject Pronouns: Tú vs. Usted
- Culture: Introduction to Mexico

Unit 2: School

- Vocab: School and Alphabet
- Grammar: Nouns
- Culture: Going to School in Mexico

Unit 3: Adjectives and Colors

- Vocab: Adjectives and Colors
- Grammar: Adjectives
- Culture: Mexico: The Tortilla

Unit 4: Countries and Numbers

- Vocab: Countries and Numbers
- Grammar: Ser
- Culture: Idioms in Mexico

Unit 5: Telling Time

- Vocab: Telling Time
- Grammar: Ser vs. Estar
- Culture: Things to See in Mexico

Unit 6: AR Verbs

- Vocab: AR Verbs
- Grammar: Conjugations
- Culture: Birthdays in Mexico

Unit 7: IR and ER Verbs

- Vocab: IR and ER Verbs
- Grammar: IR and ER Verbs
- Culture: A Poem from Nezahualcōyotl

Unit 8: Days, Months, and Seasons

- Vocab: Days, Months, and Seasons
- Grammar: Question Words
- Culture: Mariachi Music

Unit 9: Semester Review and Assessment

- Vocab: Review Units 1–8
- Grammar: Review Units 1–8
- Semester Test: Reading, Listening, Writing, and Speaking

Semester B:

Unit 1: Hobbies and Pastimes

- Vocab: Hobbies and Pastimes
- Grammar: Gustar
- Culture: A Tour of Spain

Unit 2: Food

- Vocab: Food
- Grammar: Possessive Adjectives
- Culture: Spain: Tapas and la sobremesa

Unit 3: Food 2

- Vocab: Food
- Grammar: Demonstrative Adjectives
- Culture: Spain: Spanish Tortilla and Paella

Unit 4: Family

- Vocab: Family
- Grammar: Two-Verb Combinations
- Culture: Spain: Idioms and Pronunciation

Unit 5: Places

- Vocab: Places
- Grammar: Acabar de, ir a, al, and del
- Culture: Spain: Invasions and Influences

Unit 6: Animals

- Vocab: Animals
- Grammar: Verb Stem Changes
- Culture: Spain: Spanish Festivals

Unit 7: Shopping

- Vocab: Shopping
- Grammar: Present Tense Irregular yo Conjugations
- Culture: Spain: Literature

Unit 8: Weather

- Vocab: Weather
- Grammar: Expressions using haber
- Culture: Spain: Velázquez

Unit 9: Semester Review and Assessment

- Vocab: Review Vocabulary Units 1–8
- Grammar: Review Grammar Units 1–8
- Semester Test: Reading, Listening, Writing, and Speaking