

BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE SPANISH COURSE

Number of academic hours: 68

8 UDD credits

General Objective

Students should attain an intermediate command of Spanish grammar and lexicon according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR, level A2), supplemented by cultural aspects where the language is spoken.

Specific Objectives

Grammar: Beginner command. Use of verb tenses: present indicative, present progressive, verbs+infinitive (future), present perfect indicative, reflexive verbs, verb *gustar*, direct and indirect object, past participle, pretérito indefinido.

Spanish in Chile: Recognize the main phonetic and lexical aspects of Chilean Spanish and the conjugation and contextual usage of Chilean forms of address.

Chilean culture: Understand the most important events in Chilean history, the country's geography. Characterize Chilean society, appreciate the main aspects of Chilean music, recognize the different native people of Chile and Chile's characteristic cuisine, among other aspects.

Vocabulary: Increase the basic vocabulary of students, both formal and informal. Chileanisms will be taught.

Course Description

Thirty classes for a total of 68 class hours.

The lessons will address elements of Chilean culture, grammar and general lexicon of the Spanish language, the phonetics and lexicon of Chilean Spanish. Class activities will include films, listening comprehension, conversation and readings, among other activities, with a special emphasis on the active participation of students.

Evaluation:

- 1) Written tests

Three partial quizzes will be given and one comprehensive test at the end of the semester. Surprise and scheduled short tests are also planned.

2) Oral presentations

Each student must give two oral presentations, each for a minimum of five minutes, on a subject discussed in class or related to the course. The elements that will be evaluated are:

- personal analysis of the subject
- research of the subject
- parallels to the student's particular society
- an appropriate use of the grammar studied through that moment

3) Class participation

This means attendance, completion and evaluation of homework and in-class participation.

Percentages:

1st Presentation	: 15%
2nd Presentation	: 15%
In-class participation	: 10%
Partial quizzes (3)	: 20%
Short tests	: 10%
Comprehensive test	: 30%

Course Duration

17 weeks

Start of the course:

August 7th

Class attendance is required to pass the course (80%)

Total number of hours:

68 academic hours

Course description per class

Class 1

Written and oral evaluation (that is not weighed in the final grade in the course).

Oral evaluation will be through short individual interviews.

Homework: Write sentences with the Chileanisms learned.

Class 2

General presentation of the course: expectations, knowledge of the country.

Spanish alphabet: vowels and consonants.

Formal and informal introductions.

Conjugation of present tense (-ar).

Review of homework.

Class 3

Review of homework.

Gender, number.

Nationalities.

Homework: practice exercises.

Class 4

Review of homework.

Numbers: 0-20.

Conjugation of present tense of verb *ser*.

Physical descriptions.

Homework: description of a relative, best friend or famous person.

Class 5

Review of homework.

Conjugation of present tense of verb *estar*.

Negative form.

Review of content so far.

Class 6

Written quiz 1.

Short film.

Class 7

Review of the homework.

Internal descriptions and descriptions of places.

Homework: practice exercises.

Class 8

Review of homework.

Colours.

Definite and indefinite articles.

Locations.

Conjugation of present tense, -uir ending verbs and irregular in the first person.

Homework: conjugation exercises.

Class 9

Review of the homework.

1st Oral Presentation.

Class 10

Hay/está(n)

Demonstrative adjectives.

Conjugation of the present tense (stem changing verbs): e>ie, o>ue, e>i.

Game with conjugations.

Homework: conjugation exercises.

Class 11

Review of the homework.
Completely irregular verbs, present tense.
Uses of verb *tener*.
Possessives adjectives.
Numbers: 21-1.000.000
Homework: conjugation exercises.

Class 12

Review of the homework.
Verb *gustar*.
Homework: exercises with verb *gustar*.

Class 13

Review of the homework.
También/tampoco.
Verbs like *gustar*.
Hobbies.
Parts of the day. Time.
Homework: Practice exercises.

Class 14

Review of the content of classes 7 through 13.
Homework: Preparation for the second quiz.

Class 15

Written Quiz 2
Listen to 1st Chilean song.

Class 16

Reflexive verbs.
Gerund.
Present progressive.
List of Chileanisms.
Homework: Practice exercises.

Class 17

Review of homework.
Reflexive verbs and present progressive. Expressions of time.
Homework: Practice exercises.

Class 18

Review of the homework.
The weather.
Vocabulary: parts of the house (also Chilean version).
Some Chilean clues.
Homework: Practice exercises.

Class 19

Review of homework.

Comparisons.

Mucho/muy

Vocabulary: clothes.

Homework: Practice exercises.

Class 20

Review of homework.

Use of some nouns as adjectives.

Mejor, peor...

Demonstrative pronouns.

Homework: Write on main experiences of the student's stay in Chile.

Class 21

Review contents of classes 16 through 20.

The characteristics of Chilean food.

Homework: Preparation for written quiz 3.

Class 22Written Quiz 3

Watch the first part of the 2nd Chilean film.

Homework: Write sentences with the vocabulary learned from the film.

Class 23

Review of homework.

Vocabulary: human body. Health.

Direct object.

Some highlights of Chilean History.

Watch the second part of the 2nd Chilean film.

Homework: Practice exercises.

Class 24

Review of homework.

Indirect object.

Direct and indirect objects in combination.

Homework: Practice exercises.

Class 25

Review of homework.

Direct and indirect object in combination.

Past participle.

Present perfect. Conjugation and uses.

Homework: Practice exercises.

Class 26

Review of homework.

Indefinite pronouns and adjectives.

Homework: Practice exercises.

Class 27

Review of homework.

Ser/estar/haber.

Past simple: conjugation of regular verbs.

Homework: Preparation for 2nd oral presentation.

Class 28

2nd oral presentation.

Class 29

Past simple: conjugation and spelling irregular verbs.

Practice exercises.

Reading. Work with reading comprehension, vocabulary.

Short compositions.

Homework: short composition about life in Chile.

Class 30

Review of homework.

Past simple: conjugation of irregular verbs (stem-changing verbs).

Practice exercises.

Contrast Past participle tense and Past simple tense.

Homework: practice exercises.

Class 31

Review of homework.

Past simple: conjugation of irregular verbs.

Practice exercises.

Game with conjugations.

Homework: practice exercise. Reading of local news.

Class 32

Review of homeworks. Conversation.

General review of tenses taught during the semester.

Practice exercises.

Class 33

General review of contents learned during the course.

Class 34

Comprehensive test.

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