

## Class Description: Beginning-Intermediate Spanish

*Level: Complete Beginner to Beginning-Intermediate Spanish*

My Beginning-Intermediate courses are designed for those with **some** to **no** prior experience in Spanish who are looking to acquire a solid foundation in the language. From your first day as a student, you will be engaged in an immersive Spanish environment where you can understand everything you hear; immediately begin using the language to communicate in a personally meaningful way in all essential aspects of the language: listening, speaking, reading, and writing; gain confidence in your Spanish communication skills; enjoy a low-stress, fun environment that produces amazing results!

### *Primary Objective*

Beginning-Intermediate Spanish is an beginning-level communicative course designed to help students build a strong foundation and quickly acquire the Spanish language up to an intermediate level of proficiency and fluency. While grammar and vocabulary are certainly foundational to the course, knowing grammatical terms by name and memorizing vocabulary is not the point; rather, the course is designed to help students communicate entirely in Spanish with a high level of confidence, comprehension, and the ability to participate in personally meaningful discussion and share authentic interpersonal connection in a second language.

### *Learning Objectives & Measurable Output*

**Key concepts:** Oral and written communication skills development including appropriate introductions, responses and commentary; expression of personal opinion; understanding of relevant, student-centered text and media; ability to indicate comprehension and make personal applications.

**Key structures:** past and present verb tenses, gender agreement, cultural slang and jargon

**Key outputs:** oral and written summary, oral translation, oral and written personal response and application

### *Assessment & Feedback*

Assessment is conducted informally throughout the course via the teacher in all four pillars of the language: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Feedback is given not in the form of a letter grade, but in ongoing coaching and commentary upon course completion.

### *Continuing Education Hours*

**Per 8-week session:** 16 in-class hours; approximately 24-40 hours of supported outside practice (“homework”).

**Per Semester (two 8-week sessions):** 32 in-class hours; approximately 48-80 hours of supported outside practice (“homework”).

\*Transcripts available upon request.