

Class Description: Intermediate Spanish

Level: Beginning Intermediate to Advanced Intermediate Spanish

Our Intermediate Spanish class takes you from a basic foundation to the next level of Spanish. We will continue to build on your foundation in Spanish based on the same high-frequency vocabulary that makes up the Beginning-Intermediate level, while starting to add a higher level of sophistication and nuance of expression to your vocabulary set. As we go deeper in conversation, we'll also focus on strengthening your confidence in both comprehension and speaking. Classes are conducted primarily in Spanish with English explanation and translations provided when helpful.

Primary Objective

Intermediate Spanish is an intermediate-level communicative course designed to help students build a stronger foundation and acquire the Spanish language at 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 higher-order thinking questions and cultural discussion with clarity of expression.

Learning Objectives & Measurable Output

Key concepts: Oral and written communication skills development including appropriate introductions, transitions and commentary; expression of personal opinion; understanding of relevant, authentic text and media; ability to summarize and recapitulate information.

Key structures: idiomatic expressions, cultural slang and jargon, all basic verb tenses including subjunctive expressions

Key outputs: in-class discussion, 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.