

Syllabus

A2 SPANISH COURSE 1 + 3 ECTS

10-HOUR INTENSIVE COURSE + 30-HOUR EXTENSIVE COURSE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a 40-hour beginner-level course intended to prepare students for an A2 level of the Spanish language. In this course, students are expected to participate actively in the exciting challenge of learning to express themselves in basic Spanish.

The first 10 hours of class are given on student arrival to Loyola University in the form of a short intensive Spanish course providing the student with the basic Spanish language and cultural skills necessary for basic communication during their time in Spain.

The 30-hour A2 Spanish course is the second level in the series of Spanish courses and is designed for students who have some basic previous Spanish instruction (about 80 hours). The goal of this course is to provide students with the opportunity to use the language for real-world purposes and to help them become aware of Spanish-speaking cultures. The class will be conducted primarily in Spanish, and Spanish will be used as the means of communication. Course materials are challenging and stimulating and include a variety of language-building readings, assignments, and classroom activities, as well as the use of multimedia and music for cultural enrichment.

The interactive classroom format prioritizes discussion, student presentations, and group work.

All coursework is to be carried out in Spanish.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES FOR A2 LEVEL

- You will know how to communicate clearly and comprehensibly in daily situations of basic survival and, despite evident foreign accent or occasional interruptions and misunderstandings in less usual situations.
- You will know how to describe, in plain words, aspects from your own past, and to exchange information regarding daily activities, personal opinions, tastes and interests.
- You will know how to interact in meetings within the closest social spheres.
- You will know how to initiate, keep and finish a conversation using a brief range of learnt formulas, and to identify the topic that is being treated if the interlocutors express themselves slowly and clearly.

CONTENT AND COMPETENCIES

The content and competencies for this level follow the curriculum plan for the *Instituto Cervantes* for level A2. Click on this link for more information:

- [Plan Curricular Instituto Cervantes A2](#)

- [Inventario de gramática Plan curricular Instituto Cervantes A2](#)

LANGUAGE CONTENT:

Linking words and expressions: time, contrast, sequencing ...

Verb contrast: *Ser* and *estar*.

Direct and indirect object pronouns. Double pronouns.

Comparatives

Adverbs, prepositions and place, time and frequency expressions

Verbs:

Verbs *Ser* and *Estar*. Verb *haber* in impersonal structures: *Hay/No hay...*

Imperative: position of object pronouns.

Non-personal verb forms.

Indicative tenses: Present (regular and irregular verbs). Present perfect. Past perfect, Future, Conditional.

Tense contrast: past simple/past continuous/present perfect.

Conditional sentences: type 0, 1 and 2.

Verbal structures: "*Estar + gerund*", "*ir a + infinitive*", "*acabo de+ infinitive*", "*dejar de+...*"

Vocabulary: colours, shapes, leisure, daily activities, the house, trips and means of transport, furniture, the city, personality, food...

COMMUNICATIVE CONTENT:

Talking about personal information in detail.

Comparing and describing objects, people and personality features.

Describing places: housing, buildings, cities.

Advice and suggestions in a conversation/an interactive text.

Expressing habits and routines, both present and past.

Telling a story. Describing the past

Expressing preferences, likes, dislikes and emotions. Expressing opinions.

Expressing intentions and plans. Expressing a hypothesis and predicting the future.

Intentions and plans: basic forms.

MATERIALS

- A range of articles, editorial pieces, and short literary texts are provided free in class.
- A multi-use folder to collect and organize all material (to be bought by the student).

EVALUATION

The final grade for the extensive 30-hour Spanish course is distributed in the following way:

Attendance	15%	Minimum 80% attendance required
Participation	15%	Students must arrive to class with any homework tasks completed, and should participate actively in the class session. Lack of interest or a poor attitude will negatively affect the final mark. Students should try to do at least one hour of daily preparation outside class preparing the following class and reviewing and reinforcing the contents seen in the previous class.
Progress Tests (x2)	15% + 20% = 35%	The progress tests are done in class and cover reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and listening skills practiced in class.
Assignment (x1)	15%	The assignment is prepared outside class but done in class.
Final Project	20%	The final project is prepared in groups outside of class time. It is based around a cultural concept agreed between the teacher and each student and is to be presented both in writing and orally.
Total	100%	

PASS MARK

A pass mark is 6 out of 10.

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Note: The content of these courses is subject to variations depending on the necessities of the students.