

All Superior level students are required to take Spanish Grammar. Then, students choose one mandatory 3rd hour, one mandatory 4th hour and one optional 5th hour.

15 CONTACT HOURS = 1 SEMESTER CREDIT

10 CONTACT HOURS = 1 QUARTER UNIT

Spanish Grammar (40 contact hours)

Superior Level

Universidad de Salamanca Language & Culture Program

This course is designed for students that have had 5 or more semesters of college level Spanish. The overall objective of this level will be substantial vocabulary expansion and attaining a level of communicative competency. At this level, a mixture of the communicative and traditional methods is used. The communicative method is used to further the student's ability to communicate effectively within society. This course has a double emphasis, the first focusing on the mastery of the following skills: description (agreement), narration in the past (preterite vs. imperfect), narration in the future (future tense), comparisons, reacting (subjunctive in noun clauses), hypothesizing (conditional).

The second focus follows grammar points which will be studied from a linguistic perspective.

1. subjunctive in adjectival and adverbial clauses
2. the perfect tenses
3. conjecture using future and conditional
4. imperfect subjunctive
5. sequence of tenses
6. passive se and impersonal se
7. present participle vs. conjugated verb vs. infinitive

The communicative aspect of the course will revolve around the discussion of topics such as:

- Making a hypothesis and expressing probability.
- Expressing interests and objectives.
- Persuading and convincing others.
- Defending and justifying an opinion or thesis.
- Expressing your personal point of view.
- Summarizing information.
- Expressing doubts, uncertainty, agreement, and rejection.

- Expressing cause and consequence.
- Relating information.
- Expressing irony, humor, anger, and sarcasm.
- Requesting confirmation and asking for clarification.
- Explaining ideas.

There will be daily written and oral assignments, a mid-term exercise, and a final exam.