

## **Beginning Spanish Language**

Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, Sevilla

75 contact hours

This class is taught in Spanish.

### Objective

The objective of this course is to give students the linguistic tools necessary to handle real, everyday situations using the Spanish language.

### Content

1. The alphabet. The verb “ser.” Gender and number and grammatical agreement. Interrogatives (*qué, cuál, dónde, cuándo, cómo, cuántos*)
2. Regular present tense. *Tú y usted*. Possessive adjectives. Reflexive pronouns.
3. Irregular present tense. Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns. Frequently used expressions.
4. Contrasting *ser y estar*. Prepositions and adverbs of place. The difference between *está/hay*. *Estar* + gerund. Comparatives and superlatives. Quantifiers: *muy, bastante*, possessive pronouns.
5. The past tense: *pretérito perfecto*. *Gustar, encantar, doler*: their forms and syntax.
6. The past tense: *pretérito indefinido*. Regular and irregular verbs. Indefinite adjectives and pronouns.
7. *Ir* + infinitive. Clauses of obligation. Future tense..
8. The past tense: *pretérito imperfecto*. Direct and indirect object pronouns. Prepositions.
9. Pluperfect verbs: *pretérito pluscuamperfecto*. Contrast of past tenses in the indicative.
10. Conditional.
11. Present Subjunctive.

### Grading

- 30% Midterm exam
- 40% Final exam
- 30% Homework and class participation

### Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. You have 3 unexcused absences without affecting your grade. Tardiness to class is considered ½ an unexcused absence.

### Changes

You may request to change your level (beginner, intermediate, advanced) ONLY during the first week of classes. You are not allowed to drop a class anytime after the first week of classes.