

Curso FS-04 **SPANISH LANGUAGE REINFORCEMENT FOR SPECIFIC ACADEMIC PURPOSES**

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This course is taught in Spanish & English.

Open to students with at least a Low Intermediate level of Spanish (2 semesters of college Spanish or equivalent).

Objectives

This course targets students studying abroad in Spain who are in need of additional grammatical and vocabulary reinforcement in cultural, business, artistic, administrative and daily usage areas. It is a Course which will benefit those students requiring specific help with regard to other courses offered by the University of Seville, especially for those within this Course group itself. *Even though the Course targets the four language skills, reading and writing, listening and speaking in Spanish, the use of English will also allow for a contrastive approach to language learning.*

Methodology

The main core of the Course methodology will involve a task-based approach to language teaching, organizing all Course topics around several areas related to daily life in Spain, including the academic usage of language during students' stay at the University of Seville. Student participation is essential to the successful implementation of this methodological approach: the traditional approach to language teaching will kept to a minimum. Each semantic field covered will be analyzed through its specific terminology, through the aspects of grammar most relevant to it, and through the most frequently required verbal and communicative strategies linked with it.

Syllabus

List of topics:

- Daily use of language in verbal communication.
- Body language differences: US vs Spain.
- Spanish vs American English in Business Language.
- Typical Pronunciation errors in speaking Spanish.
- Typical grammatical mistakes made by US students in Spanish.
- Artistic language reinforcement.
- Folklore in Spain and its terminology.

- The Spanish Administration.
- University life across the Atlantic.
- Spanish Sports.
- Politics and recent History.
- People your age in Seville: leisure time.
- Geography and its terminology.
- Others.

Bibliography

CASTRO, Francisca. *Uso de la gramática española. Nivel intermedio*. Madrid: Edelsa, 1996.

HOOPER, John. *The New Spaniards*. London: Penguin Books, 2006.

WATTLEY-AMES, Helen. *Spain is different*. Boston; London: Intercultural Press, 1999.

Instructors will prepare additional readings which can be picked up at the University's copy-shop. These will include texts based on the different semantic fields discussed in class throughout the semester.

Assessment

- Attendance and participation 20%
- Mid-term exam 25%
- Final exam 25%
- Oral interview 15%
- Written assignment (3) 15%