

## **Practice of Communicative Skills**

Intermediate Level

Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, Sevilla

45 contact hours

This class is taught in Spanish.

### Objective

The objective of this course is to have students interact in real situations that require communication. We will practice the following four skills through a communicative methodology: oral expression, written expression, listening comprehension, and reading comprehension.

### Content

1. Descriptions. Talk about family. Describe a person's physical appearance. Talk about a person's character/personality.
2. How to make a date to meet up with someone. Make suggestions. Accept and reject invitations. Conversations and voice mail messages.
3. Asking someone how they are and saying you're sorry. Expressing pain. Express personal tastes. Talk about habits and activities on the weekend. Write informal letters.
4. Shopping. Describing what kind of clothing another person is wearing. Asking for things in a store. Asking the price of something. Talk about preferences. How to ask for service in a restaurant.
5. Describing the home. Define everyday objects. Talk about personal relationships and rules of cohabitation. Write an ad for a paper.
6. Talk about diet and eating habits. Give instructions and write a recipe. Express opinions. Show agreement and disagreement.
7. How to talk about movies and cinema. Talk about plans and projects. Ask for and give advice.
8. Publicity/advertising. Analysis and creation of advertisements for print, radio, and television and the appropriate language for these. Idiomatic expressions and puns (play on words). Debate on advertising and society.

### 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.