

Spanish Language, Superior Level

3 credits (45 contact hours)

*This course is taught in Spanish. It is offered as a month-long intensive course that takes place before the regular semester courses begin. It is also offered during the regular semester. This course earns students 3 credits (45 contact hours) during either session. Students will take a placement exam at the beginning of the intensive course and at the beginning of the semester-long language course.

Description:

I. Communicative Skills

- Students will be able to understand a wide variety of texts that have a high level of difficulty, as well as recognize implied meanings in the text.
- Students will be able to express themselves spontaneously and with fluency without having to make too much effort to find the right words.
- Students will be able to use the correct language for various situations—social, academic, and professional—including expressions of emotions and humor.
- Students will be able to produce clear, well-structured, and detailed texts about themes of certain complexity, using the correct mechanisms of organization, articulation, and cohesiveness.

II. Linguistic Skills

- Students will be able to recognize a large variety of idiomatic and colloquial phrases, and appreciate changes of tone.
- Students will be able to choose the appropriate form from a wide variety of linguistic elements to express themselves with clarity, and without having to dilute or limit what they are trying to express.
- Students will know a wide vocabulary and range of idiomatic and colloquial expressions.
- Students will have a high level of grammatical control, with a high level of consistency, with few errors.
- Students will be able to produce structured written texts, using good organization, punctuation, and correct spelling.

III. Grammar: Morphology

- Mastery and consolidation of Spanish spelling.
- Increase knowledge of derivative morphology.

IV. Syntax

- Consolidation of syntactic structures and relationships in Spanish, in sentences and subordinate clauses.
- Consolidation of the different textual connectors, markers, and conjunctions.
- Order of words in a sentence in Spanish.

V. Vocabulary

- Personal, professional, and academic relationships
- Economy, commerce, and industry
- Banks and insurance
- The media: press, radio, and television
- Society and government
- Groups and social relations
- Laws and rights
- Institutions: politics, religion, the military
- Social conflicts, delinquency, and policies
- International organizations and relations with other countries and cultures
- The international society
- Work and professional life
- Labor conditions and salaries