

Course FB-42 **LEARNING SPANISH VOCABULARY** (45 class hours)
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OBJECTIVES

The aim of this Course is to enable students to acquire vocabulary in a gradual way, while taking into account the range of lexical categories involved. As an essentially practical subject, emphasis is placed on becoming knowledgeable about the acquisition of phraseological units, which are key to mastering colloquial Spanish, as well as on the relations at work within synonymy, an essential tool in lexical enrichment, as well as on the capacity to adapt to different communicative situations. For this reason, a pragmatic stance will be adopted throughout. Likewise, the importance of the dictionary for lexical learning will be taken into account.

SYLLABUS

1. Word formation in Spanish.
2. The colloquial lexicon and its communicative appropriateness.
3. Phraseological units: locutions, proverbial expressions, and lexical placements.
4. Synonyms and antonyms in Spanish. Polysemy and homonymy.
5. Metaphors and their importance in the everyday lexicon.
6. Standard vocabulary and specialized vocabulary. The relevance of the Media.
7. The use of the dictionary in vocabulary learning.

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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Continuous assessment of class-based assignments set by the lecturer will be in operation, while, additionally, two exams will be set: one mid-way through the Course and the other at its close.

Percentage distribution regarding assessment will be as follows:

Active participation in class sessions: 10%

Oral presentation of assignment: 20%

Mid-semester exam: 20%
End-of-semester exam: 50%