



COURSE GUIDE:

SPANISH CONVERSATION

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1) ADDRESSEE

The course is directed at foreign students who are interested in consolidating and broadening their knowledge of the Spanish language through interaction and oral communication.

The course can be extended and accompanied with other Spanish courses that take on board other subject matters related to the language (beginners level spanish) or all of the levels can be completed from A1 to C2 (students with a higher or intermediate level).

In this way, students with a basic level of Spanish can begin with the first units and then move onto higher levels afterwards, whilst students with an intermediate or higher level can complete all of the units.

Those students who are preparing for the DELE exam (Diplomas of Spanish as a Foreign Language) can take advantage of this course for any of the levels. The users can consolidate and acquire new contents that correspond to the demands of each level.

2) OBJECTIVES

The student will have the **ability to maintain a simple dialogue** concerning the different aspects of everyday life and activities. For example, going to the supermarket, asking for directions, ordering food in a restaurant etc.

To undertake brief social interchanges with the exchange speaker who is there to repeat the conversation with pauses or with other words.

3) CONTENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Units relating to different aspects of daily life.
- ✓ Dialogues illustrating each unit with its corresponding readings.
- ✓ Grammatical appendix relating to each level.
- ✓ Grammar sections referring to each unit.
- ✓ Activities with dialogues that recreate daily situations.
- ✓ Materials and bibliographies available in the library on the virtual classroom.

4) METHODOLOGY AND SCHEDULE

The course is structured into 10 units that recall communicative situations which are most representative for A1 beginner's level. The student can approach the units individually by working with the accompanying texts and self-assessments and the complementary materials provided. During the individual tasks the student has the option to communicate with the teacher and with other classmates in writing.

Afterwards, the course includes 15 teaching sessions via skype, GoogleTalk or telephone in which the student should communicate and replicate communicative situations with the teacher.

The course is undertaken within the **virtual classroom**.

Within the virtual classroom the students can find different areas and applications that are designed to improve and facilitate their learning process as well as other additional complementary elements to ensure effective communication with the tutor and other classmates.

Contents Area: Grammatical appendixes can be found and its respective complementary materials.

Practice Areas: Self-evaluation exercises can be found and should be completed by the student to supplement the distinct units of the course.

News Panel: News articles of general interest will appear here which are constantly updated.

Personal Email: To ensure direct communication with the teacher through messages.

Course Forum and Chat: To facilitate continual contact and exchange of ideas with both the teacher as well as with other students.

Multimedia Area: With audiovisual contents which reinforce the main aspects of the course.

Bibliography and Additional Materials: Available in our library in the virtual classroom.

The course can be started at any time.

This **distance style teaching** allows the student to complete the course comfortably and flexibly. Each student can progress with their studies at their own pace and decide for themselves when they would like to complete the course and obtain their certificate.

Due to this and the **flexibility to choose the level the student would like to reach**, there is no set time to finish the course in its totality. We have estimated that it takes a minimum of 20 hours to complete the course to a respectable

level. This includes 20 hours of individual study and 10 hours of tutoring via skype with a teacher.

5) EVALUATION

The theoretical and practical knowledge acquired by the student will be assessed through:

- **Participation in the Online Classroom.**
- **Self-Assessments.**

6) PRICE

240 Euros

7) ACCREDITATION

Instituto Hemingway is recognised as an “Accredited centre of the Cervantes Institute for the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language” and forms an integral part of the **Network of Associated Centers of the Cervantes Institute.**

At the end of the course, Instituto Hemingway will issue an **Accredited Diploma for the teaching received in “Spanish Conversation”** where the level acquired by the student will be documented.

*For the students who do not manage to complete all the modules, it will be possible in the future to receive a *new certificate* where the students higher level attained will appear.