

Reading and Writing Spanish Online-Intermediate

Course Outline

Reading and Writing Spanish is a fully online Spanish program for students from beginner 2 to advanced levels. This program will assist you in developing your Spanish language proficiency and understanding of the rich Hispano-American culture. All courses are flexible, suit individual schedules and time constraints, and deliver learning outcomes in practical and interactive ways.

The features of online Spanish reading and writing courses include:

- flexibility to suit individual schedules and time constraints.
- engaging readings organized into thematic lessons dealing with cultural issues.
- dynamic and engaging lessons, customizable to suit students' specific learning needs.
- full instructor support, ongoing assessment, forum discussions, surveys and wiki-based collaboration.

Course Structure

Each course consists of nine units; each unit is to be completed in one week. The units focus on real intercultural topics and review of grammar points. All courses contain a variety of readings from authentic sources, grammar explanation with practice, glossaries, idiomatic expressions, and interactive activities in forums, wikis, and others.

Reading and Writing Spanish online courses are designed so you can interact with and learn from your online classmates and your instructor. We expect that students will require at least 3-4 hours per week to complete the activities. However, if good discussions are under way, you may spend extra time.

Learner Outcomes

The learner outcomes of the Reading and Writing Spanish online courses are:

- develop fundamental writing and reading skills that help to improve your Spanish language proficiency.
- reflect on cultural issues and apply your Spanish language skills to real-life situations.
- communicate across linguistic and cultural boundaries.



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Extended Learning

Culture

Language and culture are inextricably linked. Teaching culture is an integral component of our Spanish courses.

Course Description and Outline-Intermediate

At the intermediate level you are a fairly competent speaker of the language. You can understand main ideas of complex text of both concrete and abstract topics. However, you still need systematic correction in grammatical structures and complex sentence formation. At this level you will continue to perfect the past tenses, commands, pronouns and other very important contents of the language, which are required for the advanced level. It is at this level that many of your questions and doubts with regards to past levels will become clear.

Topic that may be covered in this course (Temas):

- Lengua y cultura
- Maradona: La mano de dios
- Vivir para bailar: Gloria Contreras
- Me ha hecho poeta la vida
- Hablemos del pasado
- La calaca
- Los sabios Uyumbes
- La trova
- Celebración de la fantasía

Grammar topics that may be covered in this course (Gramatica):

- Adjetivos y cuantificadores
- Los pronombres de objeto directo e indirecto juntos
- Futuro compuesto
- Pretérito pluscuamperfecto
- Pretérito indefinido vs. pretérito imperfecto
- Imperativo
- El presente de subjuntivo
- El condicional simple
- Revisión