

Reading and Writing Spanish Online-Lower 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.

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At this level you are able to understand the main points of familiar matters, to produce simple texts of personal interest, to describe experiences, to make plans and briefly give reasons for opinions. At this level you will add a more rigorous approach to vocabulary and grammatical structures and expand on the everyday social and cultural situations you have mastered at the Beginner 2 level. You will begin to learn about more about the past as well nuances of the target language such as pronouns, impersonal construction, and correct levels of language to use in various situations.

Topics to be covered in this course (Temas):

- El Enigma de Nazca
- La música Latinoamericana
- Luisa Cáceres de Arismendi
- Galápagos: Paraíso de Ecuador
- Las presidentas latinas
- La visión del mundo Maya
- Allende y Benedetti: Literatura Latinoamericana
- El presidente que se parece a su pueblo
- El nacedor

Grammar topics to be covered in this course (Gramatica):

- Los comparativos
- Los pronombres personales y objeto directo e indirecto
- Preposiciones y cuantificadores
- El imperativo
- Participios: usos
- Pretérito indefinido
- Pretérito imperfecto
- Las construcciones impersonales
- Revisión