

SPANISH LANGUAGE LEVEL: A2.1

Credits: 6 ECTS
Language: Spanish
Length of the course: 45 Hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an optional course for international students wishing to study in ELISAVA. This course is worth 6 ECTS. Students must attain 150 hours divided between 45 class hours and work and activities done outside of class. The course focuses on learning the Spanish language in all its skills. Students will therefore develop their oral and written skills integrating basic vocabulary and Spanish grammar, and taking into account students' academic needs.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students interested in taking this course must do a level test.

METHODOLOGY

The course is based on a communicative approach. The main objective is to provide the student with the necessary knowledge to communicate in a Spanish-speaking country where many different cultures converge. Emphasis will be placed on communicative activities that help students integrate language skills, grammar and vocabulary. Our method aims to successfully integrate the students into Spanish culture, introducing them to a way of life that may be completely new for many of them.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course students will be able to use the majority of descriptors that can be applied in social functions. They will be able to interact more easily thanks to a wider range of vocabulary and will be able to deal with everyday situations. They will need less help from their interlocutors.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Written and spoken comprehension
- Comparing places, situations and actions
 - Understanding suggestions made by the interlocutor
 - Reacting to information or to a story with interest
 - Answering a telephone call
 - Indicating something has not been understood
 - Obtaining and giving information about personal preferences
 - Giving opinions
 - Obtaining and giving personal information
 - Understanding personal emails and letters containing personal information
 - Understanding short job offers
 - Obtaining and giving information about where they live

- Oral and written expression and oral interaction
- Talking about actions and situations of the present
 - Expressing moods and asking about physical sensations and pain
 - Making suggestions
 - Asking for something in a shop, restaurant etc.
 - Ask for something to be repeated due to lack of understanding
 - Exchanging information about daily routines
 - Exchanging information about knowledge and abilities
 - Telling the time
 - Filling out forms with personal information
 - Exchanging information about past experiences without specifying when they happened
 - Giving and searching for information about housing with the intention of renting or buying
 - Expressing gratitude, satisfaction or dissatisfaction with a service
 - Exchanging information about the physical characteristics of an object
 - Making reservations in hotels or restaurants, with face-to-face interaction or on the telephone
 - Buying transport tickets
 - Exchanging information about trips (transport and accommodation)

Grammar

- Adjectives
- Use of ser/estar + adjetivos calificativos
- Use of estar + de + noun
- Impersonal verbs
- Impersonal forms
- Preterito perfecto compuesto (regular and irregular forms)

Vocabulary

- Construction of double negatives
- Use of alguno and ninguno
- Gender and number consistency

EVALUATION SYSTEM

Students will be evaluated according to their progress throughout the course (continuous assessment 60%) and at the end of the course (final exam 40%).

Continuous assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attendance and class participation (20%)2 compositions (10%)1 oral exercise or presentation (10%)Activities outside of class that may or may not be supervised by the teacher (readings, attending conferences, cultural visits, watching a film, participation in forums, and others.) (20%)	60%
Final exam (Writing, Listening, Reading, Grammar and Vocabulary)*		40%

* the exam has 4 sections. To pass the course, students must get a minimum of 50% in each section of the exam.

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CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

ATTENDANCE AND CLASS PARTICIPATION

Due to the nature of this course, students are required to show a high level of commitment and participation in class. It must be taken into account that learning a language is an accumulative process. To pass the course all students must have a minimum of 80% class attendance.

Students are expected to come to class and participate actively during the class. They must also do their homework for the deadlines set by their teacher. A negative attitude or lack of interest will be reflected in the final mark. Students must dedicate several hours to studying and preparing for classes outside of the classroom to take full advantage of the course.

COMPOSITIONS

Students must hand in compositions by the deadline set by their teacher. For each composition two versions will be handed in: the latter will incorporate the teacher's corrections.

ORAL EXERCISES OR PRESENTATIONS

Students will have to do one oral exercise or presentation to practice the different aspects that have been learned in class. The teacher will decide if the presentation will be done in groups, pairs or individually.

ACTIVITIES OUT SIDE THE CLASSROOM

The students will have to complete a series of activities out of the classroom that may or may not be supervised by the teacher. These activities will be mandatory and they will have to be justified (in the manner that the teacher considers best).

List of activities:

- Create a dossier of written activities carried out during the course to be handed in at the end. It must include: a postcard, a written conversation, directions from your house to the university, an email, a physical description of a person, a description of your accommodation.
- Simulate ordering something in a restaurant and film it.
- Oral presentation with visual aids about your university, aimed at convincing the listener that your university is the best choice.
- Oral presentation with visual aids about your country and its traditions.
- Create a vocabulary list.
- Create a map with directions to the university and other places where the students often go.
- Listen to a song every week using www.lyricstraining.com.
- Film an interview with two people with questions prepared in the classroom.
- Complete a gymkhana.
- Create a blog with a weekly entry each about your stay and experiences in Barcelona.
- Watch a television show in Spanish and write a report about it.
- Describe a place you have visited.

FINAL MARK	FINAL MARK
Students will fail the course in the following situations: 1. The overall course mark (continuous assessment + final exam) is less than 6. 2. The mark of the final exam is less than 6 or the student fails to get a minimum of 50% in each section of the exam. 3. Class attendance is less than 80%.	UNSATISFACTORY
6.0 – 6.9	ADEQUATE
7.0 – 8.9	GOOD
9.00 – 10.00	EXCELLENT