

BEGINNING SPANISH

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Course # 324675

Mondays 08:30 10:30

Description and Methodology

This course is for students who have no previous knowledge of the Spanish language.

This course emphasizes speaking in order to develop the student's ability to use and understand Spanish in practical, everyday contexts.

The lessons combine four language skills - speaking, listening, reading and writing- as well as exposure to the cultures and traditions of Spain and Latin America.

Language learning will be reinforced through in-class practice, audiovisual activities, aural and reading comprehensions, homework assignments and independent work.

Grammar structures will be studied, but the focus will be on the use of grammatical forms to enable you to perform concrete tasks, such as describing your habits, your likes and dislikes, and order at a restaurant or talk about your hobbies.

Speaking Spanish in class will be encouraged, but the teacher will explain key points in Hebrew, when needed.

Course Topics

- Tell and ask personal information (name, telephone, age, profession, etc.)
- Talk about family relationships
- Express likes and preferences
- Talk about plans and weekend activities
- Describe your town or city

Course materials will be distributed through the **Moodle** platform.

Lessons are interactive, with opportunities for you to practice in pairs, small groups or the whole class.

Attendance at lectures is mandatory, in order to benefit from interactive activities which will help you develop communicative skills and ensure steady progress. This will also give you more confidence during the learning process, and will help create a fun and favorable atmosphere between you and your classmates, and the teacher.

Mandatory attendance: 80%

Grading:

5% Intro video viewing
10% Weekly oral homework
20% Mid semester test
25 % Group project
40% Final exam (It is required to do the exam to pass the course)

Passing Grade: 55

Final exam dates:

Moed Alef: Friday **23.08.2024** at 09:00
Moed Bet: Sunday **22.09.2024** at 17:00