

EXAMINATION / EVALUATION

Students arrive at school at 8:00 a.m. so that we can make an oral evaluation to determine their Spanish level (a placement test). We also give them information, a student card with telephone number and the exact address of the school (for giving a taxi driver), and a general orientation.

On the first day of classes the host family will accompany the student and make sure that the student knows how to get to the school. (It is usually a short 10-15 minute bus ride).

Students catch the bus about 1 or 2 blocks away from the school.

Families also return to our school in the afternoon to take the student back home after classes on the first day and as long as necessary until the student knows his/her way back.

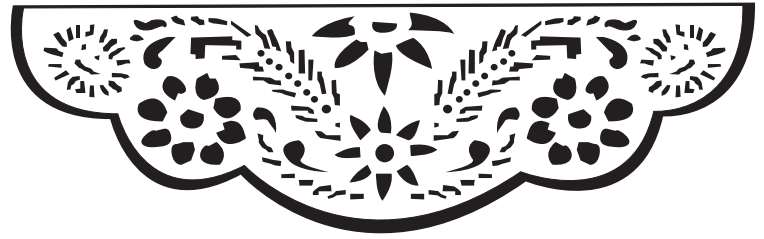
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LOOKING FOR A SPANISH LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE?

Centro Bilingüe de San Miguel, an original concept in Spanish language learning, was established in 1998 by San Miguel native and professional teacher Sara Murillo. "Maestra Sara" has over 25 years of teaching and school administration experience.

At Centro Bilingüe de San Miguel we believe in breaking cultural barriers through second language acquisition so that we may understand, communicate, and appreciate the thoughts of others in our increasingly multicultural world. We've created a school where our students can learn Spanish and also involve themselves in the culture and traditions of México through a variety of activities, studies and field trips.

SPANISH PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- *[Intensive Courses](#)
- *[Semi Intensive Courses](#)
- *[History, Tradition and Culture](#)
- *[Private Lesson](#)
- *[Spanish for Educators](#)
- *[Conferences](#)
- *[Survival Spanish Courses](#)
- *[Conversational Spanish](#)
- *[Total Immersion Spanish](#)
- *[Field Trips](#)
- *[Spanish Group Programs](#)
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COURSES AND DESCRIPTION

In the interconnected and diverse modern world the ability to speak other languages becomes more important every day. Especially within the last few years, the ability to speak Spanish has become an increasingly important skill. Native Spanish speaking countries far outnumber English speaking countries

Our school courses for beginner, intermediate and advanced students in General Spanish, Intensive Spanish, Spanish for Professionals and "Survival" Spanish.

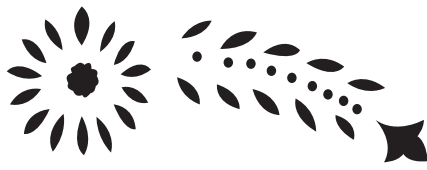
The courses take place in a warm and friendly atmosphere in small groups of a maximum of 4 students to guarantee successful and enjoyable studies. The small group size enables you to interact intensively with the teacher and your fellow students which intensifies the learning process. We also offer private classes based on a tailor-made program to meet your specific needs.

The student is placed in the correct level by a placement test on the day of arrival at the school. The results of the placement test serves to determine your current knowledge of Spanish and to assign you in an appropriate level of instruction. Your progress will be constantly monitored.

Your teacher will continue to assess your needs and adapt your course of study by adding topics of your professional and personal interest and necessities. In this way the classes are created in a personal, individual and interesting way.

The lessons focus on communication to assure the student's facility and skills in interacting with the local people and their culture. Our tailor-made program was designed to assure that you learn language skills, which are close to real life situations and which you can use immediately. We also use audiovisual aids to ensure an exacting and vivid learning progress.





BEGINNER LEVEL I & II

Beginner's courses I and II have been designed to provide an introduction to elementary Spanish. The primary objective of these courses is to offer students the opportunity to acquire communication skills in what we call "Survival Spanish". Functions include: asking/giving directions, using appropriate greetings, introductions and courtesy expressions as well as being able to communicate in different situations such as visiting a bank, restaurant, or other public places. Furthermore students should be able to give their personal information, and talk about personal preferences and activities in growing detail. As a beginner student, you will study basic sentence structures, learn everyday vocabulary and develop the ability to clearly communicate basic ideas in Spanish.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

The intermediate course is divided into Intermediate I and II and covers most grammatical structures which will give students the tools needed to achieve more confidence and fluency when using the language. Students will learn these grammatical structures, while improving vocabulary, pronunciation, comprehension, and written and oral skills. At this level the students learn to use different conversation strategies to communicate their ideas when they do not know the exact structure or word that should be used. Students will also be able to hold conversations on various topics with native Spanish speakers, using the appropriate forms for each situation. This course emphasizes culturally authentic reading and writing, along with continued development of listening and speaking competency.

ADVANCED LEVEL

This course focuses on study of advanced Spanish grammar. The student should begin to master complex syntactical and morphological structures and special differences used in the language.

In addition, the students will face current topics and conversation with a higher level of complexity and abstract thought in order to improve considerably in fluency and precision. This level includes cultural, social and historical aspects on different Hispanic speaking countries as a way to explain the relationship between language, history and culture,

The objective of this course is proficiency and fluency in the Spanish language. Emphasis is placed on comprehension and use of the language in unrehearsed situations and in culturally appropriate ways.

METHODOLOGY

OUR SPANISH METHODOLOGY IS ALWAYS UP TO DATE

Our Language School Methodology is continually updated to incorporate the latest and most efficient teaching techniques and thus ensure that our students enjoy a range of Spanish teaching methods and Spanish study materials that are adapted to their needs.

Our teachers hold university degrees related to Spanish teaching, and many hold a Masters in the field. All of our teachers have participated in a "Teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language" training course, and they continue their professional development through day-long training sessions every two weeks. Our mission is to homogenize our methodology and educational principles in order to meet the demands and needs of each of our students.





COMPONENTS

SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS:

This course is designed for Spanish teachers or those studying to become teachers. The main objective is to improve their skills in three specific areas:

1. -Oral communication- fluency, pronunciation, structures and social, regional and stylistic variations of the language.
2. -Culture- includes various cultural differences, based on the study of current topics in Latin American literature and mass media communication.
3. -Grammatical precision- widens use of structures, taking into account differences in style and the purpose of the message. Written communication is studied in detail, considering formal aspects such as cohesion, coherence and precision.

The course provides students the opportunity to considerably improve their knowledge (linguistic and cultural), and to share their experiences in the classroom with native Spanish speakers who work in the same field. Our classes guarantee a better qualified professional, who will improve performance on a daily basis, applying training received at our school.

All of the Intensive Spanish Programs that we offer consist of the following components:

Grammar: Mastery of grammatical structures through exercises with the faculty along with supplementary exercises from the following textbooks.

Conversation: Development of speaking ability through discussions based upon assigned readings such as news, articles, or short stories, as well as timely discussions on politics, history, culture, and so on.

Reading Comprehension: acquisition of greater facility in reading comprehension through assigned readings from a variety of sources, depend upon the class level. Readings are designed not only to improve fluency, but also to broaden the student's knowledge of Mexican and Latin American writers and literature.

Composition: Development of vocabulary and written ability through the use of directed composition, specialized and idiomatic vocabulary, dictations, and other exercises.

Optional Lectures: Our optional lecture series allows the student to improve comprehension and listening skills of more formal Spanish, and provide concise introductions to many different aspects of Mexican culture. Lectures are offered by our instructors, or by guest lectures who are specialists in the particular topic. These lectures include topics on: history, education, art, socio-political issues, and women's issues, amongst others.

SPANISH CLASSES PROGRAM

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Class schedules are flexible. We offer diverse programs and the opportunity to design your own schedule. Students may also choose to supplement their group classes with additional private lessons.

Our Spanish classes usually consist of 3 to 4 students, and never more than six. This intimate class size helps us tailor our programs to your specific needs and to adapt our teaching methodology to your learning style.

You will be placed in classes according to your Spanish proficiency level, which is determined by a written test and an oral evaluation exam before starting your course. Your level will be confirmed by your instructor based on your performance during the class.

Throughout your course your progress will be assessed daily by your teacher and our Academic Director. Every day instructors hand in a progress report for each student in the class. This information helps our Academic Director determine and decide the appropriate steps for reaching his/her language goals.

LEVELS

We provide four levels of Spanish Instruction:

Beginners I, II
Intermediate I, II
Advanced I, II
Specialized courses
Extra curricular Programs

