



Spanish 1A: Full Course Summary

Course Summary

Spanish 1A is a beginning level course that will introduce the student to a variety of areas of the Spanish language. In this course the student will learn listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through interesting and engaging activities. This course is organized into five topics: greetings, the date, weather, time, and colors. The student will learn to express himself using an ever-increasing vocabulary, present-tense verbs, articles, and adjectives. Grammar is introduced and practiced in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. Elements of the Spanish-speaking world and culture appear throughout the course, including people, geographical locations, and histories.

Unit 1: Saludos (Greetings)

In this unit, you will learn about greetings in Spanish. You will:

1. introduce yourself to someone and ask their name
2. ask how someone is
3. ask where someone lives
4. inquire some basic information of others in real conversations
5. recognize and recite the Spanish alphabet
6. spell words verbally using the Spanish alphabet
7. use appropriate basic vocabulary for greeting people at different times of day
8. choose a farewell appropriate in various situations
9. begin to learn about the complex nature of language
10. investigate the Hispanic culture and how it differs from ours with regard to talking to an individual
11. begin to realize the contributions that Hispanics have made to our world

Unit 2: El Día y La Fecha (Day and Date)

In this unit you will learn about days and dates. You will learn some dates that are special days of celebration in the Spanish speaking world. You will:

1. talk about the day of the week
2. learn the numbers 0-31
3. talk about the date
4. talk about what things you like to do on different days
5. talk about your birthday
6. learn about the country of Spain and several important cultural aspects of that country
7. learn about nouns and how to make them plural
8. learn that nouns have gender
9. learn the definite articles and their forms
10. learn to recognize subject pronouns

Unit 3: El Tiempo (Seasons)

In this unit, you are going to talk about the weather and the different seasons of the year. You will:

1. talk about the weather
2. talk about the seasons
3. convert degrees from the Fahrenheit scale to Centigrade and vice versa
4. talk about to whom items belong
5. learn the indefinite articles
6. talk about activities you do

7. talk about what you wear in various situations
8. learn about Argentina

Unit 4: La Hora (Time)

In this unit, you are going to learn to tell time. You will:

1. talk about places in a town
2. talk about things to do in school
3. talk about things you do at different places in a town
4. manipulate some irregular verbs
5. manipulate regular -er and -ir verbs
6. learn to ask yes/no and information questions
7. learn about Ecuador

Unit 5: Los Colores (The Colors)

In this unit, you are going to learn to talk about things using the colors and other adjectives. You will:

1. describe yourself and others using ser and adjectives
2. learn to describe things using colors
3. learn that adjectives in Spanish have different forms based on gender and number
4. learn that adjectives in Spanish are placed differently than in English
5. learn additional people nouns
6. learn how to talk about basic things that might be in your school, desk or backpack
7. learn how to talk about your school day
8. learn about Costa Rica