University of Exeter



Evening language programme 2026/27

Course title: Spanish Intermediate Part I (B1.1)

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to become an independent user of the target language and to develop their communication skills for social and professional purposes. Therefore, by the end of the courses (B1.1 and B1.2) participants will be able to:

- understand the main points of clear, standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, and everyday life.
- deal with most situations likely to arise when travelling in an area where the language is spoken.
- narrate past events: relate anecdotes, tell stories, share past experiences, and summarize books or films using the appropriate Spanish past tense forms
- describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions, and give brief reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

Participants will further develop reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the *B1.1* level of the **Common European Framework**.

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, to provide useful tools and to encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

Language-specific information:

Spanning four continents, with official language status in twenty countries, Spanish native speakers number more than 500 million. Considered a global language, it is the second-most-spoken native language after Mandarin Chinese. As part of the romance language family, Spanish can trace its roots back to the Latin of the roman empire, meaning it shares certain features and vocabulary with French and Italian, among others. Proficiency in Spanish can unlock vast areas of culture and history, including classic works like Don Quixote by Cervantes, and more modern media, with a huge selection of Spanish film and television available online. In fact, after English and Chinese, Spanish is the third most common language on the internet.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for language learners who have completed our Spanish Post-Beginners courses (A2.1 and A2.2) or equivalent, i.e have completed A2 level.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Microsoft Teams

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Aula Internacional Plus 3 (Edición híbrida – Libro del alumno)
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