



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2024/25

Course title: Spanish Upper-Intermediate Part I (B2.1)

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to develop Spanish reading, listening, written and oral skills for professional and academic purposes. Therefore, by the end of the courses (B2.1 and B2.2) participants will be able to:

- Understand the main ideas of a complex text on both concrete and abstract topics.
- Present clear, detailed descriptions on a range of subjects.
- Explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
- Interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible.
- Take an active part in discussions in familiar contexts, accounting for and sustaining personal views.

Participants will develop advanced 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 *B2.1* 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, provide useful tools and 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 Spanish language learners who have previously completed the B1 level or have an A'level or equivalent.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher.