Evening language programme 2023/24

Course title: Spanish Beginners A1.2 (Part II)

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to further develop basic speaking, writing, listening and reading skills, extend vocabulary and consolidate grammar for communication purposes.

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

1. Understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type.
2. Introduce themselves and others and ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have.
3. Interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

Participants will develop some basic 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 *A1.2* 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 complete beginners who wish to explore Spanish for the first time.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Teams

Once the course has been confirmed your teacher will invite you to the first session by 12:00 on the day of the course

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Learning resources will be provided by the teacher.