

SPANISH B1 – INTERMEDIATE COURSE for Foreigners, level B1 (Basic)

Total Duration: 120 hours

Class Structure: 2–3 sessions per week, 3/4 hours each

Suitable For: Adult learners, international students, professionals

Exit Level: B1



Aims of the Qualification

The primary aim of this qualification is to enable learners to operate as independent users of Spanish in everyday situations, in line with CEFR B1 descriptors. On completion of the course, learners will be able to understand the main points of clear, standard Spanish on familiar matters, interact confidently in a range of predictable settings, and express relevant personal information, preferences and opinions using simple, connected language.

Learners will also be able to describe experiences, events, dreams, hopes and ambitions, and briefly justify their views and decisions. They will acquire a broader vocabulary range, improved grammatical control, and clearer pronunciation suitable for effective communication with native speakers.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, learners will be able to:

Listening

- Understand the main ideas of clear, standard speech on familiar topics (e.g., work, education, leisure, travel).
- Follow short discussions, instructions and announcements encountered in routine daily situations.

Reading

- Understand straightforward written texts including articles, emails, notices, directions, and short reports.
- Extract key information and identify main ideas to support personal or practical needs.

Speaking

- Engage in conversations on familiar topics, asking and responding to questions appropriately.
- Communicate opinions, preferences and feelings with reasonable fluency and accuracy.
- Describe events, experiences and future plans in connected speech.
- Participate in short discussions and handle most situations likely to arise during travel in Spanish-speaking regions.

Writing

- Produce short, coherent written texts such as personal messages, descriptions, complaints, stories and simple reports.
- Express opinions and give reasons using appropriate vocabulary and basic connectors.
- Demonstrate control of common grammatical structures, spelling and punctuation.

Grammar Knowledge and Language Structures

Learners completing the Spanish Language B1 qualification will demonstrate increased grammatical control and accuracy across a range of familiar communicative situations. By the end of the course, learners will be able to:

Use the past tense system (Pretérito Indefinido, Pretérito Imperfecto and Pretérito Perfecto) to describe past actions, habitual routines and life experiences.

Use the Pluscuamperfecto (Past Perfect) to explain events that occurred before a specific moment in the past.

Form and apply the future tense with regular and common irregular verbs to express predictions, plans and intentions.

Apply conditional forms to make polite requests, suggestions and hypothetical statements.

Use imperatives (affirmative and negative) to give advice, instructions and directions.

Use comparative and superlative structures to compare people, places and experiences.

Use relative clauses with que to connect ideas and describe people, places or objects.

Apply periphrasis structures such as estar + gerundio, seguir + gerundio, acabar de + infinitivo, volver a + infinitivo to describe continuous, recent or repeated actions.

Use verbs relating to feelings and opinions (e.g., gustar, molestar, preocupar, interesar) with appropriate pronoun structures.

Use prepositions of time, place and movement (e.g., a, de, en, por, para, hasta, desde).

Employ direct and indirect object pronouns in simple, connected sentences.

Form impersonal structures using se for descriptions, norms or general rules.

Demonstrate awareness of formal and informal registers (tú / usted / ustedes), including expressions for polite speech.

Apply commonly used adverbs, connectors and sequencing words to create clearer and more coherent spoken and written texts.

Learners will apply these structures with increasing accuracy, enabling clearer expression, improved sentence construction and greater confidence in spontaneous communication.

Course duration

The course lasts for twelve weeks.

Tuition fee

£250

Assessment Criteria

Learners will be awarded the qualification by meeting the following criteria:

Listening

- Understand the main idea of clear, standard Spanish on familiar topics.
- Identify key information from short announcements, conversations and instructions.

Reading

- Read and understand simple factual texts (emails, notices, adverts, short articles).
- Extract relevant information for practical purposes.

Speaking

- Take part in routine conversations on familiar subjects.
- Ask and answer questions, express opinions, describe past events and future plans.
- Communicate clearly with understandable pronunciation and appropriate register.

Writing

- Produce short connected texts such as messages, emails, descriptions or short stories.
- Express opinions and give reasons using basic connectors.
- Show control of common grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Grammar and Language Control

- Use main tenses (present, past, future) with reasonable accuracy.
- Use common structures: imperatives, conditional forms, comparatives, pronouns and prepositions.
- Apply appropriate vocabulary to support clear meaning.

Course certificates

All students successfully completing the course will receive an official certificate