



UNIVERSIDAD DE BURGOS
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SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSE – Level B2

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SYLLABUS



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COURSE INFORMATION

The objective of the course will be the acquisition and consolidation of the communicative command of Spanish, combined with cultural and socio-cultural content, relating to the Spanish-speaking field and the development of learning and communication strategies. In this course, we will consolidate certain functional, grammatical and lexical aspects of our language and learn new elements for the students, largely related to the development of academic texts and speaking techniques. In the execution of these objectives, the distinct skills that form the acquisition of the language: speaking, reading, writing and listening, will be developed.

The students are required to actively participate in the classroom and utilize the possibilities that are offered to them during the cultural immersion course.

Course book: - AULA. Curso de español 5 (B2) Editorial Difusión.

- Additionally, other materials and textbooks can be used according to the needs of the group.

COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS:

- Speak of feelings, character and personality, give advice and express opinions and wishes.
- Write about happenings; convey requests, warnings and invitations.
- Combine past-tense forms.
- Understand and recount past events.
- Express and argue opinions.
- Evaluate diverse options.
- Use of conditions.
- Express agreement or disagreement.
- Refer to topics or interventions of others.
- Give sequence to arguments.
- Differences between spoken and written language.
- Develop a cohesive understanding of texts



- Reform and exemplify.
- Evaluate past actions.

GRAMMATICAL CONTENT

- Uses of past tenses (present perfect, indefinite, past perfect and imperfect).
- Present of subjunctive and present perfect of subjunctive.
- Perfect infinitive – form and uses.
- Imperfect of subjunctive. Subordinate noun clauses.
- Subordinate relative clauses. Relative pronouns.
- Uses of gerund.
- Adjective placement.
- Passive sentences – form and uses.
- The indirect and reported speech.
- Accentuation.
- Subordinate adverb clauses.
- Past perfect subjunctive. Correlation of tenses.
- Conditional clauses.
- Pronoun combination.

LEXICAL CONTENT

- Temporary constructions and conjunctions.
- Mass media texts.
- Leisure time, tourism and characteristics of cities and towns.
- Field of Art. Cinema and music.
- Verbs of perception and opinion.
- Environmental issues.
- Current issues: immigration, the family, education.
- Employment.
- Formal writing texts.
- Common expressions, idioms.
- Cultural videos.
- Short films.



CULTURAL CONTENT

- Cinema in Spain.
- Spanish cuisine, taste Spain through its regions.
- Spanish music since the “*movida madrileña*”.
- Current issues: immigration.
- Landmarks from Spanish language.

COMPOSITION AND ASSESMENT FOR THE FINAL GRADE:

1. Participation	10%
2. Compositions	10%
3. Quizes	
4. Final written exam	50%
5. Final oral exam	30 %

- **Participation / Attendance.** Students must attend class regularly and actively participate in the proposed classroom activities. Attendance is obligatory and any absence can only be excused by a medical document or similar

- **Compositions.** Students must complete compositions about different topics, which will be discussed in class.

- **Final written exam.** With this exam the students’ knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, written comprehension and understanding will be evaluated. It will take place the last day of class.

- **Oral exam:** It will consist of two parts:

- The first part will evaluate the students’ capacity for auditory comprehension through an audition and questions.

- An oral exposition of a text followed by a debate in a small group. Linguistic competence, the adaptation to the proposed situation, appropriate vocabulary, fluency and pronunciation will be evaluated.

The program is subject to change depending on the needs of the students, or for other reasons related with the course.



CALENDAR

jul-16						
M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Classes last 50 minutes from Monday to Friday, from 9:10 - 11:00 in the morning, and from 11:30 to 13:20 in the afternoon, with a break of 30 minutes.

Green: Spanish classes.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- Guided visit to the cathedral.
- Guided visit to Las Huelgas Royal Monastery.
- Visit to the Book Museum, Fadrique de Basilea.
- Guided visit to the Hospital del Rey.
- Thursday concerts. UBU Tablero. Guided visit to the Human Evolution Museum (MEH).





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