WLG100: Spanish I (Elective)

Students begin their introduction to Spanish with fundamental building blocks in four key areas of foreign language study: listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. Students master common vocabulary terms and phrases; learn to comprehend a wide range of grammar patterns; instigate and continue simple conversations; respond appropriately to basic conversational prompts; generate language, incorporating basic vocabulary and a limited range of grammar patterns; analyze and compare cultural practices, products, and perspectives of various Spanish-speaking countries; and regularly assess progress in proficiency through quizzes, tests, and speaking/writing submissions. Each week consists of an ongoing adventure story, a new vocabulary theme and grammar concept, numerous interactive games reinforcing vocabulary and grammar, reading and listening comprehension activities, speaking and writing activities, and multimedia cultural presentations covering major Spanish-speaking areas in Europe and the Americas. The course has been carefully aligned to national standards as set forth by ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages).

COURSE LENGTH: Two semesters

MATERIALS: Vox Everyday Spanish and English Dictionary

PREREQUISITES: None

SEMESTER 1

Week 1
- Greetings
- Alphabet
- Parts of Speech
- Subject Pronouns
- Tú vs. Ud
- Ditties
- Mexico

Week 2
- School
- Nouns (Singular and Plural, Gender, Agreement)
- Definite Articles
- Indefinite Articles
- Points, Lines, and Figures
- Mexico

Week 3
- Descriptions
- Colors
- Adjectives (Usage and Placement)
- The Broken Window Diglot Weave™ story
- Mexico
Week 4
- Countries and Nationalities
- Numbers 0–30
- Ser and Estar
- El Alfabeto Romano
- Mexico

Week 5
- Common -ar Verbs
- Adverbs of Frequency
- Verbs (-ar)
- Negative Sentences
- Spain

Week 6
- Common -er Verbs
- Telling Time
- Verbs (-er)
- Chatter at a Royal Ball
- Spain

Week 7
- Common -ir Verbs
- Coordinating Conjunctions
- Prepositions
- Verbs (-ir)
- The Key of the King's Kingdom
- Spain

Week 8
- Days, Months, and Seasons
- Numbers 30–100
- Question Formation
- Giving Dates
- Speed Learning
- Spain

Week 9
- Midterm Review and Test

Week 10
- Hobbies
- Gustar
- Thinking en Español
- Guatemala
Week 11
- Food (Part 1)
- Possessive Adjectives
- Possession Using “de”
- Toward Fluency 1 & 2
- Guatemala

Week 12
- Food (Part 2)
- Demonstrative Adjectives
- Demonstration Lecture 1
- Guatemala

Week 13
- Family
- Two-Verb Combinations
- Stringing Together Your Own Narratives
- Guatemala

Week 14
- Places
- Ir + a + Infinitive
- Acabar de
- Contractions
- Chatter at a Royal Ball
- Honduras

Week 15
- Animals
- Stem-Changing Verbs
- The Puzzle
- Honduras

Week 16
- Shopping
- Irregular Present Tense in the “yo” Form
- Honduras

Week 17
- Weather Expressions
- “Hay” and “Tener” Expressions
- Stringing Together Your Own Narratives
- Honduras

Week 18
- Final Review and Test
SEMESTER 2

Week 1
- Professions
- Ordinal Numbers
- Points, Lines, and Figures
- Nicaragua

Week 2
- Clothing
- Similar Verbs
- Speed Learning
- Nicaragua

Week 3
- At Home
- Comparatives
- A Lesson in Spanish
- Nicaragua

Week 4
- Body
- Adverbs
- Nicaragua

Week 5
- Reflexive Verb List
- Reflexive Verbs
- Chile

Week 6
- Cognates
- Numbers 1–1000
- Affirmative and Negative Words
- More on the Alphabet
- Chile

Week 7
- On Vacation
- Personal “a”
- A Geography Lesson
- Chile

Week 8
- Telephone
- Object Pronouns
Focus on the Language

Chile

Week 9

Midterm Review and Test

Week 10

Directions

Commands – Affirmative

Communication with Limited Means

Paraguay

Week 11

Transportation

Commands – Negative tú

Chatter at a Royal Ball

Paraguay

Week 12

Medical Words

Commands – Pronoun Placement

Mi Primera Visita a México

Paraguay

Week 13

Sports

Present Progressive

Paraguay

Week 14

Outdoor Activities

Present Progressive with Direct/Indirect Object Pronouns

Points, Lines, and Figures

Venezuela

Week 15

Travel

Preterite -ar Verbs

The Keys of Rome

Venezuela

Week 16

Computers (Part 1)

Preterite -er Verbs

Una Lección de Geografía

Venezuela
Week 17
- Computers (Part 2)
- Preterite -ir Verbs
- Una Lección de Español
- Venezuela

Week 18
- Final Review and Test