

LANG 5330: Basic Spanish for International Management

1. Course Information

LANG 5330 is a six-credit, one-semester elective course offered to all students in the MSc in International Management program with no previous knowledge of Spanish. Students attend six hours of class and complete up to six hours of out-of-class work, per week. The course is offered in Fall and Spring semesters.

2. Pre-requisites and co-requisites

None.

3. Aims of the course: Intended Learning Outcomes

This course aims to develop students' ability to communicate in Spanish in various everyday situations. It also seeks to give students a taste of Spanish culture and invites them to explore cultural differences. Through intensive practice students develop more confidence in interacting in Spanish while further expanding and solidifying their understanding of the basic grammar and pronunciation patterns.

After completing the course, students will be able to:

1. gain an introductory insight into another European language and culture;
2. develop a sense of confidence when dealing with Spanish-speaking people and Spanish-language materials in their daily lives;

and, *more specifically*:

3. understand conversational enquiries and simple instructions, notices and information that they might encounter on a visit to a Spanish-speaking country;
4. make and respond appropriately to everyday conversational enquiries that they might encounter, and give straightforward opinions;
5. acquire a sufficiently accurate pronunciation and intonation of Spanish to be understood by native speakers of the language;
6. understand simple messages relating to people's lives and interests;
7. produce simple messages relating to people's lives and interests;
8. develop basic intuitions about Spanish vocabulary and learn the fundamental principles of Spanish grammar;

9. understand and appreciate aspects of the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries

4. Course assessment

Assessment type	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Writing short texts					√	√	
Spoken recording		√	√			√	
Spoken interview		√	√			√	
Listening comprehension	√					√	
Vocabulary and Grammar tasks						√	
Reading comprehension	√			√		√	
Cultural discussion						√	√

5. Course content

- Understanding and demonstrating a knowledge of basic Spanish phonology
- Greeting and getting to know each other
- Introducing oneself and others
- Asking for and giving personal information
- Referring to physical and psychological states
- Talking about country, town, or village of origin
- Asking for phone numbers and making phone calls
- Telling the time and date
- Telling someone's age and birthday
- Talking about work and professions
- Talking about family
- Describing people
- Talking about likes, dislikes, hobbies, and preferences
- Showing agreement and disagreement
- Buying food
- Ordering food and drinks when eating out
- Describing a city
- Asking and giving directions
- Describing means of transportation
- Making a reservation in a hotel
- Talking about travelling experiences
- Expressing personal opinions
- Presenting a complaint