

Intermediate Spanish Course: Build Fluency and Confidence

For learners who've completed beginner Spanish, focusing on advanced grammar, vocabulary, and real-world communication skills.

Languages Instructor: Michael Thompson • 5 sections • 50 lessons • 18.25h total

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About this course

Many students who finish a beginner Spanish course hit a plateau, unsure how to progress further. This course bridges that gap by reinforcing core knowledge while introducing more complex language elements. You'll tackle advanced grammar, expand your vocabulary, and practice reading, writing, listening, and speaking through video lessons, interactive exercises, and case studies based on everyday situations.

Course curriculum

Foundations and Preparation

- **Review of Beginner Grammar and Vocabulary (18m)**
A quick recap of essential grammar and vocabulary from beginner levels to ensure a solid starting point.
- **Introduction to Intermediate Concepts (25m)**
Overview of key grammar points and learning strategies you'll use throughout this course.
- **Building Vocabulary: Everyday Themes (12m)**
Learn and practice vocabulary related to common topics like family, work, and hobbies.
- **Listening Skills: Understanding Native Speakers (32m)**
Step-by-step exercises to improve your ability to follow natural conversations.
- **Reading Comprehension Introduction (18m)**
Techniques for understanding short texts and identifying main ideas in Spanish.
- **Writing Basics for Intermediate Learners (25m)**
Practice constructing clear sentences and paragraphs on familiar subjects.
- **Speaking Strategies: Building Confidence (12m)**
Tips and drills to start speaking more fluently in simple discussions.
- **Setting Effective Learning Goals (8m)**
How to create a personal study plan to track your progress through the course.

Core Concepts

- **Past Tenses: Preterite vs. Imperfect (25m)**
Detailed guide to choosing and using these past tenses in context.
- **Future and Conditional Tenses (18m)**
Learn to express future plans and hypothetical situations accurately.
- **Introduction to Subjunctive Mood (32m)**
Breakdown of when and how to use the subjunctive for wishes and doubts.
- **Vocabulary Expansion: Travel and Tourism (12m)**
Key terms and phrases for navigating travel scenarios in Spanish.
- **Vocabulary: Food, Dining, and Shopping (18m)**
Practical vocabulary for everyday activities like ordering meals and buying items.
- **Listening Practice: Dialogues and Conversations (25m)**
Exercises with audio clips to train your ear for different accents and speeds.
- **Reading: Short Stories and Articles (25m)**
Analyze texts to build comprehension and learn new words in context.
- **Writing: Paragraph Construction and Coherence (18m)**
Focus on organizing ideas and using connectors for smoother writing.
- **Speaking: Role-Playing Common Scenarios (32m)**
Practice conversations for situations like making reservations or asking for directions.

- **Grammar Practice Exercises (12m)**
Interactive drills to reinforce the grammar points covered so far.

Deep Dive

- **Advanced Subjunctive Uses (32m)**
Explore more complex subjunctive structures in dependent clauses.
- **Idiomatic Expressions and Common Sayings (25m)**
Learn phrases that native speakers use frequently in daily life.
- **Cultural Context in Language Use (18m)**
How cultural norms influence communication styles and word choices.
- **Complex Sentence Structures (25m)**
Combine clauses to form more detailed and nuanced sentences.
- **Listening to Authentic Media (32m)**
Practice with podcasts, news clips, and videos to improve real-world listening.
- **Reading Literature Excerpts (25m)**
Analyze short passages from Spanish authors to deepen reading skills.
- **Writing Formal and Informal Texts (18m)**
Adapt your writing style for emails, notes, and other formats.
- **Speaking Fluency Drills (12m)**
Exercises to increase your speed and clarity when speaking Spanish.

Advanced Application

- **Case Study: Planning a Trip Abroad (32m)**
Apply your skills to create a travel itinerary, including bookings and activities.
- **Case Study: Business Communication Basics (25m)**
Practice writing professional emails and handling meetings in Spanish.
- **Conversational Spanish in Social Settings (18m)**
Role-play conversations for parties, networking events, and casual gatherings.
- **Grammar in Context: News and Current Events (25m)**
Read and discuss news articles to see grammar used in real situations.
- **Vocabulary for Technology and Innovation (12m)**
Learn terms related to gadgets, apps, and digital life.
- **Listening to Podcasts and Video Content (32m)**
Exercises with popular media to improve comprehension of varied topics.
- **Reading Academic and Professional Texts (25m)**
Techniques for understanding more complex written material.
- **Writing Emails and Digital Messages (18m)**
Practice crafting clear and polite messages for different purposes.
- **Speaking with Native Speakers: Simulation (32m)**
Interactive activities that mimic real conversations with native speakers.
- **Problem-Solving in Spanish (25m)**
Work through scenarios that require quick thinking and language use.

- **Review and Skill Integration (18m)**
Combine grammar, vocabulary, and communication skills in mixed exercises.
- **Self-Assessment and Reflection (12m)**
Tools to evaluate your progress and identify areas for improvement.

Implementation & Next Steps

- **Project: Create a Detailed Travel Itinerary (32m)**
Use all your skills to plan a trip, including writing descriptions and booking simulations.
- **Project: Write a Short Story or Essay (25m)**
Develop a creative or informative piece to practice sustained writing.
- **Project: Record and Analyze a Conversation (18m)**
Practice speaking, then review your recording to spot strengths and weaknesses.
- **Advanced Resources and Learning Tools (12m)**
Discover apps, websites, and books to continue your Spanish journey.
- **Learning Strategies for Long-Term Growth (25m)**
Methods to keep improving after the course ends, like daily practice routines.
- **Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them (18m)**
Review frequent errors in intermediate Spanish and learn corrections.
- **Cultural Insights for Deeper Understanding (32m)**
Explore regional differences and cultural tips to enhance communication.
- **Grammar Refinement Sessions (25m)**
Targeted practice on tricky grammar points with feedback examples.
- **Vocabulary Review Through Games (18m)**
Fun activities to reinforce and expand your word bank.
- **Building Speaking Confidence (12m)**
Exercises to reduce hesitation and speak more naturally.
- **Final Course Review and Summary (32m)**
Recap all key concepts and assess overall progress.
- **Next Steps: Beyond Intermediate Spanish (25m)**
Guidance on advancing to upper-intermediate or specialized Spanish courses.

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