

## Foreign Language Training – Spanish (Advanced)

### Overview

The course is aimed at a wide range of students with a genuine interest in improving their Spanish with one of the following:

- Completed the Babel Intermediate Spanish Course
- A high degree of fluency and accuracy in the language
- An A-level or equivalent over 4 years old, and further contact with the language
- Babel assessment of the equivalent of B1/B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Classes are delivered online or can be arranged for face-to-face if requested.

### Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to perfect existing language skills and to achieve the equivalent of C1/C2 level of the CEFR.

By the end of the course, you will:

- be able to understand a range of spoken and written discourses in different styles: factual, journalistic and non-specialist technical with ease
- be able to express yourself orally and in written form using a range of accurate vocabulary and appropriate register, stating an opinion with confidence
- be able to refine your intercultural competence by accessing political, historical and cultural information from a variety of sources

How is the course taught?

- A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.
- Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work based on systematic grammatical progression.
- Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set homework tasks.
- Students will be formally tested on a biannual/annual basis using the Babel Advanced Test.

### Course Content

#### Topics

Looking after the planet	Holidays
Environmental problems	Humour
Protecting the environment	Cinema, theatre and music
Environmental issues in Spain & Latin America	Current political, economic and social developments
Slow food	Literature and the arts in Spain and Latin America
Story telling	America
Greatest enigmas of all times	Indigenous cultures
Mind power	Festivities in Spain and Latin America

*Students will also be given the opportunity to present a topic of their own choice to discuss in class*

**Functions**

Expressing probability in the present & the future  
 Certainty vs uncertainty  
 Expressing probability in the past  
 Reporting a true or false statement  
 Telling a story  
 Formulating and responding to value judgements  
 Summarizing and responding to concrete and abstract statements

Expressing opinions in a range of social situations  
 Expressing agreement and disagreement  
 Debating and using debate techniques  
 Describing past events  
 Giving advice and expressing likes, wishes and feelings  
 Expressing probabilities and possibilities  
 Distinguishing different types of prose

**Grammar**

The course will consolidate some grammar structures according to the students’ needs. Some of the structures which present specific difficulty for non-native Spanish speakers will be revised during the course, for example:

Verbs and formulas to express opinion with the Subjunctive  
 Discourse markers  
 Imperative: regular & irregular forms  
 Expressions of doubt and certainty  
 Future perfect  
 Verbs *creer* & *creerse*  
 Expressions of certainty & uncertainty  
 Structures to express hypothesis  
 Uses of time phrases in Indicative and Subjunctive

Uses of prepositions + article + *que*  
 Direct and Indirect Speech  
 Uses of present and past Subjunctive  
 Expressions of hypothesis and probability  
 The passive: gerund and past participle  
 Uses of prepositions *por* & *para*  
 Idioms expressions and proverbial expressions  
 Direct and Indirect Speech  
 False friends  
 “If” clauses

**Course details**

<b>Duration</b>	90-minutes per class (No. of classes based on needs)
<b>Max delegates:</b>	6 Face-to-face 6 Online

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