

Languages, Arts and Culture

Spanish Beginner Part One Course Overview and Syllabus

Our evening language courses in Spanish are built around an arts and culture context. You will learn Spanish and explore a variety of cultural and arts topics including architecture, cuisine, culture, design, fashion, society and more.

Over the 8 weeks of the Spanish Beginner Part One course, you will

- be introduced to asking for and providing personal information
- recognise and use simple words and phrases concerning you and your immediate surroundings
- engage in reading and listening tasks introducing common names, words and simple sentences in texts
- use these to write short texts on the topics above
- improve your speaking skills by participating in role-plays to improve your ability to interact and express yourself
- examine a selection of key grammar points: the gender of nouns, word order of nouns and adjectives, present verb forms and conjugations
- learn about the origins of elements of Spanish culture and traditions, Spanish cinema, key figures in Spanish art, architecture and more

There is a focus on oral communication and pronunciation as well as using language for functional and practical purposes.

Week Number and Topic	Language Content and Arts and Culture Content*
<p>1. Introduction to Language, Arts and Culture</p>	<p>Language Content Introducing yourself: sharing personal details. The alphabet : Spanish phonetics.</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content Overview of Spanish, Arts and Culture Quiz on Languages, Art and Culture</p>
<p>2. Cuisine and Culture</p>	<p>Language Content Food products vocabulary. Asking for prices. Likes and dislikes</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content The origins of tapas</p>
<p>3. Art and Politics</p>	<p>Language Content Vocabulary: countries and nationalities, jobs, professions, studies 1st, 2nd and 3rd person present tense verbs</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content Society and politics in Spanish cinema</p>
<p>4. Urban Spaces</p>	<p>Language Content Public places in the city. Asking and giving directions</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content Landmarks from the 21 Spanish-speaking countries</p>
<p>5. Movement and Time</p>	<p>Language Content Describing cities: location, natural features. Verbs: there is/there are, to have, to be</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content The spread of the Spanish language through the Iberian peninsula and in America</p>
<p>6. Modernism</p>	<p>Language Content Free time activities. Days of the wee. Inviting a friend to a cultural event, such as a museum, a concert or an exhibition</p> <p>Arts and Culture Content Some key figures: Dalí, Buñuel, Picasso</p>

7. Fashion and Society	Language Content Clothes vocabulary Colours Language for shopping. Agreement of articles, adjectives (colours) and nouns Arts and Culture Content Amancio Ortega: Zara and the Inditex group
8. Design and Architecture	Language Content Introduction to the past tense Arts and Culture Content The Alhambra: a Spanish architectural landmark

*Please note: these are some possible arts and culture topics you will cover and may differ according to student needs and interests