

Spanish 1 7th to 11th grade

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The class: For students in 7th-11th grade, with emphasis in communication, basic grammatical structures, and vocabulary. We will practice speaking, writing, listening, and reading. Course will include culture, foods, music, and customs from Spanish-speaking countries.

This class is for you if:

You are interested in fulfilling the high school language requirements in a flexible format.

You are in middle school or high school, and are interested in an introduction to basic Spanish skills, and are willing to work on some homework and study for quizzes.

You are not concerned with taking the CLEP exam at the community college.

You are planning on taking basic Spanish college classes after you graduate from high school.

Why learn Spanish: Spanish is a language spoken in 21 countries and approximately 442 million people in the world. The demand for bilingual workers has been increasing in industries like Health Care, Hospitality, Education, Law Enforcement, Customer Service, Social Services, Finance and Communication. Spanish is the most popular non-English language spoken in the USA with roughly 34 million speakers nationwide.

Teaching Philosophy: I believe that: people have a natural inclination to learn. The learning process has more meaning when the subject has relevance for the learner. Learning through participation is more effective than only receiving instruction. Learners are the ones that drive the learning process. Learning flourishes in a positive, stress-free environment.

The instructor: I am from Venezuela. I graduated from the Universidad Rafael Urdaneta with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Currently, I am pursuing a Master Degree in Spanish Arts in WMU. I have been teaching Spanish for more than 10 years to children k-3, upper elementary, middle school, high school and adults.

Fees: \$ 340/year. Students are responsible for buying their textbooks.

