

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS – 2022 - 2023

Beginning Spanish Level 1 (*Begins January 6*)

Facilitator: Rosemary Bossert (708-710-7927; rcbossert@att.net)

Text: Spanish is Fun, Book 1

Recommended for: Those who are new to Spanish and would like to learn basic vocabulary and pronunciation.

Class Description: The class is an introduction to Spanish. The goal is to learn the Spanish alphabet, Spanish pronunciation, and basic vocabulary and grammar, with an emphasis on how to express oneself in the present tense. The class will emphasize the skills of listening and speaking. If you took this class last year and were comfortable with the material, you can register for Beginning Spanish Level 1 with Katie and Brian. That class will review what was covered last year with Rosemary and continue with Chapter 5-8 in the book starting in January.

Maximum Enrollment:

Beginning Spanish Level 1

Facilitator: Katie Switaj (425-643-5999; kdswitaj@gmail.com)

Facilitator: Brian McFarland (661 – 972-9981; mcfarlandbk@aol.com)

Text: Spanish is Fun, Book 1 Chapters 1-8 - **5th** Edition**, Spanish-English Dictionary, 3-ring binder with 4 dividers.

Recommended for: People who are new to Spanish and who want to learn some basic conversation and acquire an elementary understanding of how to use the language.

Class Description: This class is for those who have never studied Spanish before. We'll learn Spanish pronunciation, practice simple conversations to introduce and describe ourselves and others and learn to ask and answer simple questions. We will study Chapter 1-8 of our textbook to accomplish the above. There will be opportunities to practice your new language skills in small groups. You'll be amazed at how much you learn in six months and how much laughter is involved in learning a language. Chapters 1-4 will be covered Oct-Dec.; Chapters 5-8 will be covered Jan-March.

Maximum Enrollment:

Beginning Spanish – Level 2

Facilitator: Mary Ann Jasken (701-866-9460; majasken@hotmail.com)

Text: Spanish is Fun Bk. 1: **5th** Edition (Chapter 9-16). Also need a Spanish-English Dictionary and a 3-ring binder with 4 dividers.

Recommended for: Members who took Beginning Spanish – Level 1 (MaryAnn's or Rosemary's) class last year or for those who have previously studied Spanish and want to review regular present tense verbs, *ser* and *estar*, descriptive words, weather, and telling time.

Class Description: This is the 2nd part of Spanish is Fun, Book 1. There will be a review of pronunciation and we'll continue with Chapter 8. The assumption is that you're comfortable with Chapters 1-7 of the book. We'll increase our ability to speak about people, places, and things in the present and ask questions about them. Our lessons will focus on speaking, reading, and listening to the Spanish language.

Maximum enrollment: 27

Early Intermediate Spanish

Facilitator: Joyce Lusty (joycelusty@hotmail.com)

Text: *To be determined**

Recommended for: People who have completed Brenda's Beginning Level 2, Dora's Beginning Reading Classes from the past year, or have completed MaryAnn's Zoom Spanish is Fun Book 1.

Class Description: This class replaces Spanish is Fun Level 3. It promises much more interesting materials and a very practical way to use the Spanish you learned in Beginning Level 2. You will progress through the materials previously studied in Level 3 of Spanish is Fun, cover more present tenses and introduce you to the past tenses.

Maximum Enrollment:

Intermediate Spanish Part 2

Facilitator - Jim Khami

Text: Spanish is Fun Bk Third Edition

Recommended for: Students who have completed Spanish is Fun Bk 1 or are familiar with using the present tense to speak and read about people, places, and things.

Class Description: In this class we will complete the study of the textbook, *Spanish Is Fun, Book 2, Third Edition*. It will appeal to those who want to continue to improve their ability to comprehend and express themselves in Spanish while learning in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. The emphasis will be primarily on developing correct pronunciation, listening, understanding, and speaking. Classes will be held at a slow speed in Spanish and English with opportunities to interact with the instructor and fellow students. Your instructor will introduce additional aids beyond what is offered in the textbook to help you master the language and speak correctly-with emphasis on grammar, both English and Spanish. The beginning classes will focus on the preterit and imperfect tenses. Later, we'll study the future, future perfect, and conditional tenses, and the present subjunctive mood. Students are encouraged (but not required) to obtain a copy of *Barron's 501 Spanish Verbs* (any Edition) for help in the class.

Maximum Enrollment:

Destinos

Facilitator: Lola Crilly (303-916-0591; micasajl@msn.com)

Facilitator: Brenda Melcher (309-826-6718; melcherbrenda1@gmail.com)

Materials: Course materials include the video script and an accompanying textbook.

Recommended for: Anyone who has completed Book 1 of Spanish is Fun or who would like a class focused on listening and speaking.

Class Description: *Destinos* uses a video series to teach Spanish comprehension and dialogue. It is structured like a soap opera and follows the challenges of a lawyer, Raquel Rodriguez, as she travels to several Spanish-speaking countries in search of the Castillo family's past. The early episodes incorporate some English, and the Spanish dialogue is relatively slow, but that gradually changes.

Minimum Enrollment: 8 students; **Maximum Enrollment:** 25 students

Interactive Reading for Conversation and Vocabulary

Facilitator: Dora Gruber (623-374-6649; doramgruber@gmail.com)

Recommended for: Those having completed Jim's class or for anyone familiar with all the Spanish tenses.

Class Description: This is a reading and conversation class that will increase your vocabulary and improve your comprehension and speaking skills. Some grammar will be reviewed. The book for this class will be Intermediate Spanish story books from Flango, our on-line library. There is no cost to you when using the on-line library.

Maximum Enrollment: 8 students

Beginning Conversation

Facilitator: Bill Price

Materials: Student and facilitator generated topics.

Recommended for: Students who have studied the major tenses, the exciting grammar, and the practical vocabulary.

Class Description: A conversational Spanish class that focuses on using all the language skills you have been studying over the years, including major tenses and useful vocabulary. It is now time to "Use It or Lose It." The class will be conducted in an atmosphere of support and encouragement as you move forward to expand and sharpen your command of the Spanish language.

Maximum Enrollment:

Intermediate Conversation

Facilitator: Minú P Johnson (minuj99@gmail.com)

Text: Flango Readers and Games

Recommended for: Members who have completed Spanish is Fun Bk 2 or those who are ready to speak in the present, past, and future.

Class Description: Use your developing Spanish to talk about what you do now, what you used to do, and what you want to do in the coming years. Practice talking about the differences between those times. We will be using the present, past, future, subjunctive, and conditional tenses. We will play games, read from the Flango on-line stories and Collins' book, Spanish Conversation Hola! All as part of the learning process. Learn new vocabulary to use in these discussions. Note: **This class will be taught in Spanish.** Minú will bring her own experiences of living in México to this exciting and interactive class.

Maximum Enrollment: 8 participants