

FNLG 1501S - Conversational Spanish 1

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Course Description

An introductory course focused on developing functional conversation skills in the chosen language.

Conversational Spanish 1 is an introductory course designed for students with little to no previous experience in Spanish. The course emphasizes the development of practical communication skills through thematic modules focused on everyday situations and topics. Students will develop foundational skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing while building vocabulary, learning essential grammatical structures, and exploring the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Introducción al Español	Rita M. Palacios	

Access to Course eBook

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Class Calendar

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Thu	8/27	Course eBook: The Spanish-Speaking World	Module 1: ¿Quién soy? Spanish-speaking world and getting to know each other	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities and Module Quiz 1 are due in Blackboard Fri. 9/4 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	9/3	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Greetings, Introductions, and Personal Information	Module 1: ¿Quién soy? Greetings, introductions, and basic personal information	Read and review the assigned Course eBook materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities and Module Quiz 1 are due in Blackboard Fri. 9/4 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	9/10	Course eBook: 6.1 La fecha y los días de la semana, 6.3 La fecha y los meses, and 6.5 Forming Questions in Spanish	Module 2: Mi vida universitaria. Classes, schedules, days, dates, and time	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities are due in Blackboard Fri. 9/11 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	9/17	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Classroom Vocabulary, Nouns, Articles, and Plural Formation	Module 2: Mi vida universitaria. Classroom and university vocabulary, nouns, articles, and plurals	Read and review the assigned Course eBook materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities and Module Quiz 2 are due in Blackboard Fri. 9/18 by 11:59 p.m.

Thu	9/24	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Family Vocabulary, Ser, and Adjectives	Module 3: Mi familia y yo. Family members, relationships, and descriptions	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities are due in Blackboard Fri. 9/25 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	10/1	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Numbers 30–100, Ages, and Descriptions	Module 3: Mi familia y yo. Talking about family members, ages, and descriptions	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities and Module Quiz 3 are due in Blackboard Fri. 10/2 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	10/8	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Sports, Hobbies, and Regular Verbs	Module 4: ¿Qué me gusta hacer? Hobbies, sports, likes, and leisure activities	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities and Oral Activity 1 are due in Blackboard Fri. 10/9 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	10/15	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Regular Present-Tense Verbs	Module 4: ¿Qué me gusta hacer? Talking about interests and activities	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities and Module Quiz 4 are due in Blackboard Fri. 10/16 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	10/22	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Daily Activities and Regular Verbs	Module 5: Mi vida cotidiana. Asking about and describing everyday routines	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities are due in Blackboard Fri. 10/23 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	10/29	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Questions and Daily Routines	Module 5: Mi vida cotidiana. Talking about routines and frequency	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities are due in Blackboard Fri. 10/30 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	11/5	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Time and Frequency	Module 5: Mi vida cotidiana. Talking about a typical day	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities and Module Quiz 5 are due in Blackboard Fri. 11/6 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	11/12	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Places, Location, and Estar	Module 6: ¿Qué hacemos y adónde vamos? The Verb Estar and Its Uses	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities and Oral Activity 2 are due in Blackboard Fri. 11/13 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	11/19	Course eBook and Blackboard materials: Talking About Places and Everyday Activities	Module 6: ¿Qué hacemos y adónde vamos? Using Ser and Estar in Everyday Communication	Read and review the assigned materials before class. Weekly Practice and Activities and Module Quiz 6 are due in Blackboard Fri. 11/20 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	11/26	None	Thanksgiving Break – No Class	None
Thu	12/3	Course materials from Modules 1–6	Course Review and Integration	Review course materials before class. Comprehensive Progress Assessment is due in Blackboard Fri. 12/4 by 11:59 p.m.
Thu	12/10	None	Finals Week – No Class	None

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