

**Veterans' Upward Bound  
Syllabus: An Introduction to Spanish  
Summer Workshop 2025**

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**Course:** Spanish

**Course Description:**

This is an accelerated workshop designed to introduce you to the Spanish language and to prepare you for a first-year college language class. I assume students have no previous language study or experience.

**Course Materials:**

We will be using excerpted chapters from *Dicho y Hecho*, a typical introductory Spanish text. I will generously supplement these materials with study guides, exercises, and online support.

**Course Objectives:**

In this workshop, you will learn basic introductory grammar and vocabulary. You will learn how to read, write, speak, and understand Spanish at a very beginning level. You will build a language foundation that will help you succeed in a beginning Spanish class. I have chosen the most important elements covered in the first semester of class. It is a lot, but simple exposure to this material will put you far ahead of your peers.

**Attendance:**

For you to meet the course objectives set out above, your attendance and preparation are essential. Language classes are oral and interactive in nature; most of your speaking and listening practice will occur in the classroom. The simplest way to make this class easier for you is to prepare as well as possible and to attend every day. This rule remains true in any college-level language course.

**Evaluation:**

Such a condensed class provides little to evaluate that is graded. However, I taught French and Spanish at MSUB for nearly 40 years, so I can tell you the things you will need to do to be successful. You will have periodic checks to test specific items (vocabulary, a grammar point, listening comprehension, etc). You are required to attempt the exercises I assign in the "text."

I give a final written grade based on attendance, preparation, participation, and comprehension checks, so you can judge for yourself how your performance in this class compares to a regular college Spanish 101 course.

Please, ask questions! My college classes had a reputation for being challenging, but also loud and fun. Introductory language is my favorite to teach, so I work to make it enjoyable for you.