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SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSE – B1

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SYLLABUS

NIVEL: B1

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COURSE INFORMATION

Starting with the basic understanding of Spanish. We will assist the student in the adquisition of a series of communicative notions that will allow them to communicate in daily situations. Additionally, prior knowledge of the language will be consolidated and we will offer them previously unknown elements.

Active participation in the classroom and maximum utilization of the possibilities offered in the cultural immersion framework are required.

Course books: - ***AULA 4. Curso de español (B1)*** Editorial Difusión.

- Additional texts can be utilized according to the needs of the group.

COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS

- Speak of abilities.
- Speak of emotions.
- Narrate past events.
- Speak of causes and consequences.
- Express desires, complaints and needs.
- Evaluate information.
- Question information.
- Propose solutions.
- Express disagreement in different situations.
- Describe characteristics and functions of items.
- Make hypothesis.
- Write a news article.
- Give advice.
- Convey commands, request and desires.
- Refer to what others have said in the past.

GRAMMAR CONTENT

- Pronominal verbs.
- The subjunctive: form and basic uses.
- Contrast of past tense forms.
- Passive sentences: form and uses.
- The indirect style.
- Simple and compound future tense.
- The conditional tense: form and some uses.

LEXICAL CONTENT

- Adjectives for the physical description of the individuals.
- Adjectives for the description of the personality of an individual.
- Professions, places and clothing.
- Education: centers, education system, exams and classroom language.
- Personal relations.
- Foods and drinks, gastronomy, places and recipes.

CULTURAL CONTENT

- Music in Spain.
- The Spanish education system.
- A tour around Burgos.
- Film: “Volver” by Pedro Almodóvar.

COMPOSITION AND ASSESMENT FOR THE FINAL GRADE:

1. Participation	10%
2. Compositions	10%
3. Final written exam	50%
4. Final oral exam	30 %

- **Participation / Attendance**. Students must attend class regularly and actively participate in the proposed classroom activities. Attendance is obligatory and any absence can only be excused by a medical document or similar

- **Compositions**. Students must complete compositions about different topics the teacher will inform about.

- **Final written exam.** With this exam the students' knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, written comprehension and understanding will be evaluated. It will take place the last day of class.

- **Oral exam**: It will consist of two parts:

- The first part will evaluate the students' capacity for auditory comprehension through an audition and questions.

- In the second part, the professor will hold an interview with the students, in which different topics, either addressed in class or not, will be discussed. In this interview, the student must demonstrate their capacity for oral interaction. Cohesive capacity, grammatical correction, vocabulary and fluency will be evaluated.

The program is subject to change depending on the needs of the students, or for other reasons related with the course.

CALENDAR

jul-16						
M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Classes last 50 minutes from Monday to Friday, from 9:10 – 11:00 in the morning, and from 11:30 to 13:20 in the afternoon, with a break of 30 minutes.

Blue: Spanish classes.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- Guided visit to the cathedral.
- Guided visit to Royal Monastery of Las Huelgas.
- Visit to the Book Museum, Fadrique de Basilea.
- Guided visit to the Hospital del Rey.
- Thursday concerts. UBU Tablero.
- Guided visit to the Human Evolution Museum (MEH).