

YEAR-LONG SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSE

Language	Spanish
Language level	Any level
Teaching hours	220h
Credits	28 ECTS

Introduction

Hispanic Studies is a University of Barcelona institution that has focused on teaching Spanish language and culture to international students for over sixty years. Throughout the academic year, it offers a wide range of language and culture courses.

Spanish language courses are adapted to the levels in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and programmes are based on the Cervantes Institute Curricular Plan (PCIC).

In the classes, work on grammar points is closely associated with language practice, in a communicative, dynamic, flexible framework.



Group levels

Students will be put into groups at the five language levels, through a Spanish level test taken at the start of the course.

Levels

Hispanic Studies offers five language levels that are further divided depending on students' starting point and the time required to pass the levels:

- **Beginner I** - A1.1
- **Beginner II** - A1.2
- **Beginner III** - A2
- **Elementary I** - B1.1
- **Elementary II** - B1.2
- **Intermediate I** - B2.1
- **Intermediate II** - B2.2
- **Advanced I** - C1.1
- **Advanced II** - C1.2
- **Proficiency** - C2*

*Proficiency: particularly aimed at heritage speakers.

The syllabus of each level may be found here www.eh.ub.edu/informacion-general

Credits (ECTS)

Hispanic Studies courses provide European Union university accreditation, based on the European Credits Transfer System (ECTS)

Assessment

The year-long (220 h) courses shall be assessed as follows:

- Class mark: 20%
- Language tests: at least 3 graded tests
 - Compositions: at least 3 graded assignments
 - Oral presentations: at least 1 graded assignment
 - Class participation
- Final examination: 80%
- Oral examination
 - Written examination
 - Grammar examination
 - Listening comprehension, reading comprehension and vocabulary examination



In the year-long course, the grade for the autumn course shall be worth **30%** of the final grade; and the grade for the spring course shall be worth **70%** of the final grade.

Attendance

Students must attend at least **80%** of classes. If they do not meet the attendance requirement, they may lose up to **10%** of their final grade (class work + final exam).

Grades

The marking system used by Hispanic Studies ranges from 0 to 10 points. It is used to grade class assignments and tests, as well as the final examination.

OFFICIAL MARKING SYSTEM OF HISPANIC STUDIES

- 9–10 Excellent
- 7–8.9 Good
- 5–6.9 Pass
- 0–4.9 Fail

Student workload

To get the most out of the courses, students need to attend classes regularly and participate actively, take the tests during the course, and dedicate a certain amount of time to individual study.

Complementary activities

Throughout the course, Hispanic Studies organizes complementary activities relating to Spanish language and culture to enhance knowledge of the linguistic and cultural environment of Catalonia and of the countries of the students who participate in the courses.

