

Sun City Spanish Club
CLASS DESCRIPTIONS Spring 2024
Classes will meet at Fairway Room 129.

Note that all classes are continuations of fall classes.

Spanish Grammar: With Thomas Lopez

Text: Practical Spanish Grammar by Parcial Prado, 1997

This class is an introduction to Spanish or for those who have some background in the language, but who are interested in a review and practice. All levels of proficiency welcome. Practice is the key, so we will do a lot of that. It is a self-teaching guide, but the facilitator will lead the group through it in a productive way that is suitable for seniors. No tests, everyone succeeds. We will have a good time! Don't let the word "grammar" throw you. That is just another word for rules of the language game. It is not like it was in the eighth grade English class! Learning practical vocabulary and the sounds of Spanish will be our goal. We will proceed at your pace, so no worries! ¡Que viva Español!

Beginner Spanish Level 1: With: Deborah Provera or Al Houdek

Text: Spanish Made Simple by Jackson/Rubio, revised by Nemethy

This class uses teaching methods geared toward the 55+ student who has no or very little previous experience with the language, or who would like to review beginning concepts. Students will learn basic Spanish vocabulary and communication skills using *Spanish Made Simple*. Emphasis is on learning correct pronunciation, basic communication phrases, and speaking and writing in the present tense. Each teacher has his/her own unique style of teaching, whether with PowerPoint or whiteboard. There is a class for you!

Beginner Spanish Level 2: With Marisa Drake or Al Houdek

Text: Spanish Made Simple by Jackson/Rubio, revised by Nemethy

This is a continuation from Level 1, for those of you who have gone through Level 1 or have some knowledge of the language. You'll start to grasp verb tenses and grammar a bit better, learn more vocabulary, and begin to have more confidence to interact with other students. Keep going with your studies and soon you'll be understanding, reading, writing and speaking like a native Spanish speaker!

Spanish Level 4B (Remembering, Reviewing, and Reinforcing): With Al Houdek

Text: Spanish Made Simple by Jackson/Rubio, revised by Nemethy

This class is a continuation of last year's 4th year class. The class will review as needed using Spanish Made Simple. The class will use a variety of supplemental materials, including readings, stories, current newspaper and magazine articles, and adaptations of short classic novels to foster better understanding of the Spanish-speaking world and to increase comprehension, vocabulary, and the ability to speak and read. As always, the instructor's class website will have tons of additional learning materials.

Beginning Spanish Conversation: With Marisa Drake

For those who are just beginning to speak Spanish. Learn to listen and make short sentences. Beginning Spanish Level 1 class enrollment not required to participate in this class, but may be beneficial.

Intermediate Conversation: With Analia Alva

Students are required to know how to interpret English into some Spanish. The class will set up conversations between 2 persons, starting off in small sentences using a script and working up to larger conversations.

Spanish Book Club: With Deborah Provera

Text: Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

This class is **facilitated**, not instructed; meaning that every participant needs to contribute to the class. We will read aloud and translate from the text. Versions available on Amazon, Scholastic Books and other sources. English version optional. This is NOT a class for beginners. You should have some knowledge of verb tenses, pronunciation rules and an intermediate vocabulary.

All participants will be expected to give and receive constructive, kind feedback on pronunciation and translation. In addition, each of us will construct one to three sentences using new vocabulary words from the chapter. We'll write several versions of each sentence, modifying the verb tense in the sentence (e.g. present, preterit, future or tense of your choosing) to read to the class.

Class is limited to 15 people.

French 1: With John Osborn

Text: Easy French STEP BY STEP by Myrna Bell Rochester, PhD, McGraw Hill, ISBN 978-0-07-14587-5

Vive la France! Wishing to expand your knowledge of Romance languages? This is an opportunity to learn or review basic French. Students will learn basic French vocabulary and communication skills. Emphasis is on learning correct pronunciation, basic communication phrases, and speaking and writing in the present tense.