

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

**Spanish Gleaning:** with Thomas Lopez

Text: Conversations in Mexican Spanish (Advanced Beginners) by Ollie Richards ISBN 191490068

This course will offer a different approach than the Spanish Grammar class and will allow for beginners to become more advanced beginners.

We will read short conversations from a fixed group of characters aloud and glean what we can, as far as translation is concerned, from the reading. The author claims that this approach is a more natural and friendlier way to learn Spanish, rather than the more familiar “academic” ways. Of course, we will practice pronunciation along the way and build up vocabulary.

Our summer group through ZOOM reportedly enjoyed the approach based on stories and found it worthwhile. So, I am encouraged to give it a try here You would be most welcome to join or re-join, as the case may be.

**Beginner Spanish Level 1:** with: Deborah Provera, Al Houdek or Rod Fensom

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 Al Houdek or Naomi

**Intermediate Spanish Level 3:** with Marisa Drake

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

This is a continuation from previous levels, for those of you who have gone through them 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!

**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 Ana 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 Reading:** 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.

**German 1** with Ruth Hintze

Text: The Everything Learning German Book, by Edward Swick, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Using our knowledge of English and its structure, learn basic German vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. This course will get the student to a good comfort level with the basic Hey-how-are-you types of conversation.

**American Sign Language (ASL)** with Jenine Nelson

Text : TBD

An introductory course for those interested in sign language. Class is limited to 30 people.