

## Sun City Spanish Club

### CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Classes will meet at Fairway Room 129.

**Note:** Spring classes are usually a continuation of Fall classes

#### **Spanish Gleaning:**

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.

This is not a grammar course. 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.

#### **Beginner Spanish Level 1**

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 1 (ONLINE)**

See “Beginning Spanish Level 1” course description above.

This is an online course using ZOOM. The course will focus on reading, listening, and speaking skills and expressing thoughts in sentences using correct pronunciation. We are here to have fun, so classes are a “judgment free zone”. Making mistakes is fine and a part of the learning process.

#### **Beginner Spanish Level 2:**

#### **Intermediate Spanish Level 3:**

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

These courses are a continuation from previous levels for those who have gone through them or have some knowledge of the Spanish 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:**

For those who are just beginning to speak Spanish. Learn to listen and make short sentences. Beginning Spanish Level 1 class enrollment or completion, or equivalent life experience, is required to participate in this class.

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### **Intermediate Spanish Conversation:**

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

### **Spanish Book Club: This class is facilitated, not instructed**

Text: Varies by semester—Winter 2025 - Intermediate Short Stories in Spanish by Olly Richards.

**This is not a class for beginners.** The class is *facilitated* which means each participant needs to contribute to the class. We will read aloud and translate from the text. 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 will write several versions of each sentence, modifying the verb tense in the sentence (e.g. present, present, future or tense of your choosing) to read to the class.

Class is limited to 15 people.

### **French Reading:**

Text: First French Reader for Beginners, Volume 2 by Eugene Gotye, ISBN 9781500403300

Vive la France! Wishing to expand your knowledge of Romance languages? This is an opportunity to review and expand your 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. Please note that the textbook has a companion series of lessons online to help students practice.

This is not a class for beginners, but even exposure to the language in a high school class is enough. The textbook features vignettes in everyday life situations, and simple sentence structure. The goal is to polish pronunciation, and expand vocabulary.

Class is limited to 15 people.

### **German 1:**

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, as well as common nouns, verbs and the present and future tenses. While grammar is discussed, the main focus is on everyday conversation and building vocabulary.

### **American Sign Language (ASL):**

Text: A Basic Course in American Sign Language by Tom Humphries ISBN 978-0932666420

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