

Course Description

WORLD LANGUAGES: ESL for Spanish Speakers

COURSE DESCRIPTION: ESL will help native Spanish speakers learn the basics of the English language so that they can communicate successfully in school and the community. The course has been carefully designed to follow the standards of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). These standards call for a method of teaching that focuses on successful communication through speaking, writing, reading, and listening, as well as a thorough grounding in aspects of culture. These standards were originally intended to use best practice in teaching foreign languages to Americans, but these are best practices for instruction no matter what the language, and modern ESL instruction follows the same practices used in all second language instruction. Each unit embodies all of these standards. Unit activities blend different forms of communication and culture to ensure that the student meets all standards. Course strategies include warm-up activities, vocabulary study, reading, threaded discussions, multi-media presentations, self-checks, practice activities and games, oral and written assignments, projects, quizzes, and exams. Learning activities in each unit are focused upon a specific theme.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXT: None

COURSE LENGTH: Two Semesters or Block

COURSE OUTLINE:

Semester I

1. Greetings, Introductions, Good-byes and Alphabet
2. Calendar (days, months, seasons) and Numbers
3. Weather
4. Time
5. Colors

Semester II

1. Familiar objects and places
2. Family
3. Food
4. Pastimes
5. School objects & Routine