

## Learning in Retirement (LIR)

# SPANISH FOR TRAVELLERS I

## COURSE OUTLINE

Program: **Learning in Retirement**  
Course: **Spanish for Travellers I**  
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Session: **Fall Session I**  
Days: **Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: **6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
Location: Carleton University, **Room 342, St. Patrick's Building**

*Spanish for Travellers I* workshop is designed for beginner Spanish students.

### 1. Objectives

This introductory Spanish course aims at providing students with some of the grammatical and lexical elements that are essential for basic communication while travelling to the Spanish-speaking world.

### 2. Outcomes

By the end of this course, students should be able to complete the following tasks in Spanish:

- greet people;
- introduce themselves and their friends;
- give personal information, such as age, nationality and address;
- describe people, things, and the weather;
- get directions;
- express food preferences;
- talk about favourite activities and travel plans;
- refer to medical issues;
- ask the price;
- exchange opinions about accommodation and shopping.

### 3. Teaching Method and Materials

Designed after the task-based language teaching approach, the Spanish for Travellers workshops include a variety of oral activities—such as dialogues and role-plays in pairs and in small groups—which focus on specific travel-related communicative situations.

Vocabulary and grammar will be taught through slides. Audiovisual materials—listening and comprehension activities, maps, interviews and short documentaries about Hispanic countries—will include cultural components concerning different parts of the Spanish-speaking world.

#### 4. Calendar of Topics (tentative)

Sessions	Proposed Topics
1	Introductions, greetings, common words and expressions Pronunciation Expressing nationality The verb SER
2	Numbers Dates and times Stating the age The verb TENER
3	Asking and giving contact information Expressing states of being Indicating location The verb ESTAR
4	Talking about family members and friends Describing people Using adjectives Expressing possession
5	Food Food preferences Food stores The verb GUSTAR
6	Describing a house Shopping for souvenirs Asking the price The verbs COSTAR and QUERER
7	Accommodation Expressing requests at the hotel Objects in the room and bathroom The verbs NECESITAR
8	Describing the weather Favourite activities Giving Directions The verb IR
9	Body parts Health and medical assistance Making an emergency call The verb DOLER