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 5th
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)

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| 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 |