

Institute of Modern Languages

# **COURSE OUTLINE – SPANISH ATRIUM SHORT COURSE**

# Prior knowledge and skills

This course is for learners with minimal or no knowledge of Spanish.

#### **Proficiency Level**

The content of this initiation course corresponds approximately to entry level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

## Course Aim

Learners will develop essential communicative skills with a focus on practical use of the language and incorporating some socio-cultural knowledge.

## **Course Details**

No set textbook: Materials will be provided in class.

- IML strongly recommends the use of dictionaries, which exist in a variety of printed, online and electronic formats. Tutors may recommend a dictionary at the commencement of the course.
- Each topic includes relevant social and cultural information.
- The IML library located on level 1 in the Joyce Ackroyd Building also has books, magazines, kits, CDs, DVDs and videos for loan to IML students.

#### **Revision**

Language is learned best with maximum contact and usage. Home exercises will be designed for revision and consolidation of each course segment. Revision is most effective when undertaken regularly in short sessions.

## **Assessment**

There is no assessment for this course. A statement of attendance is available upon request for students not undertaking assessment who have attended at least 75% of the course.

#### **Further Study Options**

Learners who wish to pursue further studies of this language can enrol in any of the IML Spanish Level 1 Courses. Check the <u>IML website</u> for details.

# **COURSE CONTENT**

TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS
General information about the language: alphabet, script and pronunciation	
Introducing Self and Others	Greetings and leave taking
	Asking/Giving some personal details
	Describing family members
	Asking for/Giving phone numbers
	Asking/Stating age
Tourism and Travel	Asking/Giving basic directions
	Describing weather
	Planning and inviting
Activities	Describing routines and sports/hobbies
	Asking/Telling time
	Asking about/Expressing likes, dislikes
	Describing some sports and hobbies
Food and Drinks	Identifying essential food and drinks
	Asking for/Buying items
	Expressing quantities
	Asking/Telling prices
Services	Dining
	Shopping
	Using transport