

LSPA 200: Spanish Conversation
(January 9 – January 13 9:00am – 4:30pm)



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The focus of this course is to improve student's conversational skills through active, responsible participation in discussions, debates and oral presentations in class. In addition, this course seeks to build students' oral proficiency at the upper intermediate to advanced level (A.C.T.F.L. proficiency guidelines) while increasing their awareness of Hispanic/Latino cultures. This course will provide students with a contextualized content-based approach to oral communication resulting in a fluent oral language production.

In this course, class activities will help you to:

- Develop the ability to maintain a conversation, handle common situations in Spanish and negotiate differences of opinion
- Enhance your fluency
- Acquire confidence in using your Spanish
- Expand your vocabulary
- Acquire information about life, problems and current trends in the Hispanic world
- Develop sensitivity to Hispanic traditions and customs

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course you should be able to meet the following outcomes based on the ACTFL standards:

- **Listening comprehension:** You will be able to follow conversations and comprehend speech concerning personal interests, activities, and other content pertaining to the Spanish-speaking world
- **Reading Comprehension:** You will be able to get main ideas from texts and understand texts of some structural complexity
- **Speaking:** You will be able to engage in prepared and original conversations, following rules of structure and grammar at a fairly complex level
- **Writing:** You will be able to create original written texts in Spanish in various styles and formats.
- **Culture:** Culture and language are very much interconnected, each influencing the other. It is essential, therefore, to learn culture as an integral part of the language. You will be able to develop an understanding of proper socially accepted language and behavior in the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.