



## Conversational Spanish Workshops

Learning a foreign language requires learning vocabulary, grammar, and culture, and practicing inside and outside of class. Most students develop receptive skills much more easily than expressive skills, and learning a foreign language can be quite frustrating when a student is struggling to express themselves verbally or in written format. Summoning up the words from a brand new and ever-growing, mental word bank can be quite the challenge. When a language-learner puts their recently acquired knowledge into practice and activates receptive and expressive skills, they are more likely to achieve fluency and enjoy learning the language if they are able to use it more naturally. Most students feel nervous, intimidated, or shy to speak up in class but when you add a new language to the mix, there tends to be less active participation. Working in a smaller group can help build relationships and trust with peers in order to allow a student to put their skills into practice comfortably and confidently.

### **Beginner Conversational Spanish**

This intense, three-week workshop is designed to strengthen students' conversational skills in Spanish. As this course is not for credit, the emphasis will not be on mastery but rather on engagement with the language. For that reason, teachers will carefully assess students' foundations to help them develop a positive relationship with the language through self-expression.

*Prerequisite:* completion of Spanish level 1. Ideal for students going into level 2 or 3.

#### *In this workshop students will learn how to*

- apply vocabulary in natural conversation by
  - introducing and describing themselves
  - telling time, talking about schedules and routines
  - chatting about the weather
  - Discuss family chores, organizing parties, shopping, vacations, health, and more!!
  
- apply grammar and syntax in natural conversation by
  - Discussing the above topics using the present and preterite tenses

#### **Above all, students will**

- ✓ develop speaking skills in conversation with their peers
- ✓ gain confidence by engaging in dynamic speaking tasks and conversations that are structured and meaningful

## Intermediate Conversational Spanish

This intense, three-week, beginner workshop is designed to strengthen students' conversational skills in Spanish. As this course is not for credit, the emphasis will not be on mastery but rather on engagement with the language. For that reason, teachers will carefully assess students' foundations to help them develop a positive relationship with the language through self-expression.

*Prerequisite:* completion of Spanish level 3. Ideal for students going into level 4+

### *In this workshop students will learn how to*

- apply vocabulary in natural conversation by
  - introducing and describing themselves
  - telling time, talking about schedules and routines
  - chatting about the weather
  - talking about jobs, sports, recreational activities, the environment, volunteering, and more!
- apply grammar and syntax in natural conversation by
  - using the past tense to tell stories and share memories
  - Using the future tense to make plans for travel
  - Comparing and contrasting
  - Giving commands
  - Making polite suggestions and expressing hopes, fears, and opinions with the subjunctive mood

### **Above all, students will**

- ✓ develop speaking skills in conversation with their peers
- ✓ gain confidence by engaging in dynamic speaking tasks and conversations that are structured and meaningful

Our aim is to facilitate conversational Spanish as both a practical and fun endeavor! This workshop is conducted in Spanish and open to both middle and high school students.