

# PROGRAM OF SPANISH FOR FOREIGNERS

Laboratorio de Idiomas  
de la Facultad de Filosofía y Letras  
**UNIVERSIDAD DE BUENOS AIRES**

## TO STUDY SPANISH IN BUENOS AIRES

The Program of Spanish for Foreigners offers the possibility of studying the language in a university center of academic level in a cosmopolitan city as Buenos Aires that offers the traveler a huge variety of cultural and leisure activities.

Our students are foreigners from all over the world that arrive in Buenos Aires for different reasons and need to talk and write in Spanish in order to communicate in familiar, working, tourist, business as well as academic training situations.

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## COURSES

All the courses are based on a communicative approach and develop all four linguistic skills: **SPEAKING - WRITING - READING - LISTENING.**

The contents are communicative, cultural and linguistic to manage in real life situations.

ANNUAL PROGRAM OF COURSES			
Autumn Courses	Winter Courses	Spring Courses	Summer Courses
Regular March	Compact July or August	Regular August	Compact January February
Intensive March May		Intensive August October	
Beginners March May		Beginners August October	

## ABOUT THE COURSES

**General Courses:** four hours a week, during 17 weeks. Starting in March and August of each year. Aimed at students and residents in the country for a long time.

**Intensive Courses:** eight hours a week, during 8 weeks. Starting in March, May, August and October.

**Compact Courses:** fifteen hours a week, during 4 weeks. Starting in January, February, July or August.

**Absolute Beginners Course:** ten hours a week, during 8 weeks. Starting in March, May, July and October.

*Founded in 1896, the Facultad de Filosofía y Letras of the Universidad de Buenos Aires is a recognized institution in Argentina and abroad due to the excellence of its graduates, the quality of its teaching and research programs and the transfer of knowledge to the society.*

*The Laboratory of Languages, created in 1986, is a linguistic center devoted to the teaching of foreign languages. At present, more than 15000 students study English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese and Spanish. The Program of Spanish for Foreigners started in 1991 with 2000 students from all over the world each year.*

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Elementary Level	1	Novice	A 1
	2	Intermediate Low	A 2
Pre-Intermediate	3	Intermediate Mid	B 1.1
	4		B 1.2
Intermediate Level	5	Intermediate High	B 2.1
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Upper Intermediate Level	7	Advanced	B 2.2
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**Elementary 1 and 2:** Basic though sufficient expression and comprehension in a foreign country in every-day and tourist situations.

**Pre-Intermediate 3 and 4:** Independence to communicate in simple, every-day situations; possibility to access the professional and working market. Simple and efficient writing expression.

**Intermediate 5 and 6:** Fluency and capacity to perform in academic and working settings, wide range of vocabulary and complex expression. Accepted level to take university courses in Spanish.

**Upper-Intermediate 7 and 8:** Resourcefull performance in the Spanish language in a wide range of familiar and every-day situations, as well as in academic and working settings, both orally and in writing.



## LEVEL TEST

Students should take a Placement Test in order to be assigned to the corresponding level. To this effect they should check by telephone or e-mail enrollment days and schedules before the beginning of each period.

## OTHER COURSES

### Specific Objective Courses

Designed for students taking the higher levels: Literature, Writing (academic, letters, research reports, essays), Phonetics, Latin-American History and Culture, Cinema.

### Special courses of language and culture for foreign students

The Laboratory of Languages offers special Spanish language courses to groups of foreign students in the cultural immersion modality. The courses are designed according to the needs and interests of each group and they combine teaching of the language with Argentine culture courses: history, literature, cinema, art, etc.

## THE TEACHERS

The Laboratory of Languages counts on a team of highly experienced professionals in teaching Spanish and in research in the area. The staff follows the tenets of the communicative approach and works with specific teaching materials developed by them.

## CERTIFICATION

The certificates are issued by the University of Buenos Aires and specify the level, the grade and the number of hours.

### Proficiency and Use of Spanish as a Foreign Language Certification Exams in three levels:

Apart from the courses, the Laboratory of Languages issues level certificates of the Spanish language through exams, to foreigners who, due to professional or academic reasons, need to certify their Spanish proficiency level. These exams are given three times a year in March, July and November.

- CEB (Certificate of Basic Spanish)
- CEI (Certificate of Intermediate Spanish)
- CEA (Certificate of Advanced Spanish)

## TEACHER TRAINING

In 1996 the Laboratory of Languages opened a Training Program for literature and language teachers who want to specialize in the teaching of Spanish as a second or foreign language. The Program has trained more than 200 teachers who are working in different national and international institutions.

## LOCATION

The Laboratory of Languages is located in downtown Buenos Aires, quite close to Plaza de Mayo.

## ENROLLMENT

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Please check through e-mail, by telephone or visiting our web-site the confirmation of the courses for each period, for each level and schedule.