

Course Description:

SPANISH 1

2023-24

Students will learn basic introductory Spanish by focusing on four key areas of foreign language learning: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. A strong foundation for Spanish pronunciation and grammar will be established early in the course. Students will engage in regular Spanish conversational strategies, listen to multimedia videos, read and write about Hispanic culture and geography, and memorize vocabulary. Throughout this course, students should expect to take frequent vocabulary quizzes, a midterm and final exam, 1-2 scheduled phone conversation assessments with the teacher per semester, and make regular short conversational presentations. This course will include many fun and engaging games and interactive exercises to tap into multiple learning styles. The main purpose of this course is to help students become familiar with the Spanish language, culture, and grammar, and be able to carry on a simple conversation with confidence.

Cost of course includes supplies but not texts or workbooks. Texts required:

Descubre (2014), Level 1 Kit: Textbook, 2 workbooks, online Code. \$162.00. ISBN: 978-1-68004-150-7. Includes Student Textbook, Supersite Plus (vText) Code, Cuaderno de práctica, Cuaderno de actividades comunicativas

This textbook and workbook kit comes with interactive online activities and videos that will be used with the course. Also, this textbook and materials will be divided between Spanish I and Spanish II, so if you continue with Spanish II next year, you will already have your materials.

Materials can be purchased online at <https://www.abebooks.com> or anywhere you can get a used 2014 edition of the text book and new, not-filled-in workbooks.

Teacher: **Mrs. Diana Bantu** Cost: \$400/year 75 min class

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:45 am, at Chesterfield Presbyterian Church

9Up Student orientation: Aug. 10, 2023 Time TBA

Fall semester:* Aug. 17, 2023 to Nov. 16, 2023

Winter semester:* Jan. 11, 2024 to April 18, 2024

***Please note: 9Up semesters are longer than those for K-8 HSN.**

This class will be cancelled if it does not reach a minimum of 5 students.

This class may meet via Zoom on a few days when the teacher is out of town.

Diana Bantu is a homeschool mother of two. She holds a BA in Spanish Secondary Education and a Master of Divinity (MDiv). She has studied in Spain, traveled to many Hispanic countries, and taught high school Spanish in public schools in IL, DC, and NY. She is currently finishing her Doctor of Ministry (DMin) in Hispanic Pastoral Leadership with a thesis emphasis on counseling in Hispanic Churches in the Greater St. Louis area. She is Puerto Rican but did not grow up speaking Spanish and can personally identify with the difficulties of learning a second language. She loves teaching Spanish for 9Up.