

# Learning Spanish at International House Newcastle



Hola

Hello, my name is Raúl and I'm Spanish teacher, I would like to welcome you to our Spanish Courses at International House Newcastle.

## Who we are?

International House is one of the largest groups of language schools, teaching English and 25 modern languages in 150 schools in 50 countries worldwide since 1953. International House was founded in 1953 with the aim of providing an innovative approach to language teaching. International House Newcastle is primarily a school of English for international students and we are also a teacher training centre. This year we started to offer Spanish, Mandarin, Russian and Arabic classes and they have been a huge success.

## Why Spanish

Because not only is learning Spanish becoming increasingly important in terms of the global economy, it can also play a major role in your own personal development. Spanish is becoming more and more important with regards to business and If you speak Spanish, you will be more marketable and have more career choices than your monolingual counterpart.

Spanish is one of the easiest foreign languages to learn. Much of its vocabulary is similar to English, written Spanish is almost completely phonetic and the basic grammar is straightforward enough that you can have meaningful communication after only a few lessons.

## Course Structure

Each lesson will be designed with a specific topic in mind to present learners with the essential vocabulary and paramount grammar structures in a meaningful context. The teacher will use a wide range of traditional and contemporary Spanish language learning

resources to create a custom-made programme of studies. Each lesson will focus on essential grammar and vocabulary. During each lesson there will be numerous opportunities for practising the target language, which will then be followed by carefully selected homework exercises that will allow learners to consolidate their newly acquired skills.

## Levels

### Spanish Beginner Level Course

Our Beginner Spanish Course is a 12 week evening language course for people who want to learn to speak Spanish. Classes are once a week on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm-8.00pm. Beginner Spanish Course at International House Newcastle is dynamic and interactive.

#### Course Details

Duration —> 12 weeks

Timetable —> 2 hours a week (Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00)

Size of classes —> Maximum of 12 students

Price —> 180 GB Pounds per 12 week term – total of 24 hours of classes. 540 pounds per 3 terms.

#### Start Dates

##### First term

- Start —> 14 September 2011

- End —> 30 November

##### Second term

- Start —> 11 January

- End —> 28 March

##### Third term

- Start —> 18 April

- End —> 4 July

## Spanish Elementary Level Course

This level of Spanish tuition is ideal if you have already completed a Beginners Spanish Level course, introductory level course or if you have already spent some time learning Spanish.

### Course Details

Duration —> 12 weeks

Timetable —> 2 hours a week (Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00)

Size of classes —> An average of 6 students and a maximum of 12

Price —> 180 GB Pounds per 12 week term – total of 24 hours of classes. 540 pounds per 3 terms.

### Start Dates

#### First term

- Start —> 13 September 2011
- End —> 29 November

#### Second term

- Start —> 10 January
- End —> 27 March

#### Third term

- Start —> 17 April
- End —> 3 July

## Spanish Intermediate Level Course

This level of Spanish tuition is ideal if you already understand a wide range of everyday vocabulary, if you can communicate in simple everyday situations and discuss common topics using a variety of tenses and expressions.

#### Course Details

Duration —> 12 weeks

Timetable —> 2 hours a week (Thursday 6:00 – 8:00)

Size of classes —> An average of 6 students and a maximum of 12

Price —> 180 GB Pounds per 12 week term – total of 24 hours of classes. 540 pounds per 3 terms.

#### Start Dates

##### First term

- Start —> 15 September 2011

- End —> 1 December

##### Second term

- Start —> 12 January

- End —> 29 March

##### Third term

- Start —> 19 April

- End —> 5 July

## Spanish Advanced Level Course

This level is ideal if you can communicate quite fluently with a wide range of vocabulary.

#### Course Details

Duration —> 12 weeks

Timetable —> 2 hours a week (Friday 6:00 – 8:00)

Size of classes —> An average of 6 students and a maximum of 12

Price —> 180 GB Pounds per 12 week term – total of 24 hours of classes. 540 pounds per 3 terms.

### Start Dates

#### First term

- Start —> 16 September 2011
- End —> 2 December

#### Second term

- Start —> 13 January
- End —> 30 March

#### Third term

- Start —> 20 April
- End —> 6 July

## Spanish only

All lessons are designed so that all participants will communicate exclusively in Spanish, with English being reserved for rare occasions when more clear instructions or more specific comments will need to be offered.

## Supporting learning resources

It is advisable that each student has their own copy of Spanish dictionary, alternatively, you can use the online Wordreference dictionary <http://www.wordreference.com/es/> to complement it. There is no need to purchase any other books as learners will be provided with copies of the learning materials.

## Methodology

We use a communicative method by which you will practice and use your Spanish from your first day. This communicative approach enables the student to get the strategies and knowledge s/he will need to manage in a Spanish environment.

We create in class the same reality that takes place outside, so the language practice is produced in a natural way and the four skills (speaking, listening, writing and reading) are integrated in the same way they are produced in real life, that is, interrelated and interdependent. We also propose activities to be carried out in pairs or small groups, so that interaction and communication can be strengthened.

## Where we are

International House Newcastle is on Gallowgate, in Newcastle City Center. NE1 4SG. Our Customer Service is open 9:00 – 5:30 from Monday to Friday. Telephone number: +44 (0)191 2329551. Fax: +44 (0)191 2321126. Email: info@ihnewcastle.com.

Transport and Parking: Easy access on public transport: the nearest metro stations are Haymarket, Monument and St.James. The nearest bus stops are located on Haymarket Station, Eldon Station, Monument and St Marys Place. Parking available for students.

## Level Test

Before you start, We can arrange for test you to make sure that you are in the class of the right level. The aim of this test is to allow the teacher to determine your starting point, therefore it is important that you do not get any help or consult any dictionaries or books. Please do not worry if you do not know the answers or do not understand the task. You will learn these things very quickly once the course has started.

## How to enrol?

Fill in the application form and send it by email to info@ihnewcastle.com The payment can be made with a credit or debit card over the phone, by cheque payable to IH Newcastle or by bank transfer (please see below our bank details). If you decide top via bank, please email us to let us know so that We can identify your payment promptly.

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The price of the course includes all course materials, our programme of social and cultural activities, our student card and access to all the school's facilities, including free Internet usage. For further information about how to make the payment, please contact our Financial Manager [oksana@ihnewcastle.co.uk](mailto:oksana@ihnewcastle.co.uk)

### Useful links

[http://twitter.com/#!/spanish\\_newcast](http://twitter.com/#!/spanish_newcast)

<http://www.facebook.com/spanishinnewcastle>

<http://spanishinnewcastle.wordpress.com/spanish-courses/resources/>

Resources to learn Spanish



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