



SYLLABUS OVERVIEW

Foundations of Language and Culture

- **Communication:** Build foundational communication skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Emphasis will be placed on developing the ability to express basic ideas and engage in everyday conversations.
- **Cultures:** Gain an understanding of diverse Spanish-speaking cultures through both language and cultural exploration. Learn about customs, traditions, and history that shape communication in the Spanish-speaking world.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Develop a deeper awareness of cultural contexts and how they influence language use. This includes learning to recognize cultural nuances and engage respectfully in cross-cultural communication.

Connections, Comparisons, and Communities

- **Connections:** Link the Spanish language to other languages, cultures, and subject areas, helping students see the relevance of Spanish beyond the classroom.
- **Comparisons:** Explore similarities and differences between Spanish and students' native languages, enhancing understanding of language structures and cultural practices.
- **Communities:** Foster a sense of belonging to the global Spanish-speaking community, emphasizing the importance of language in connecting people across borders.

Grammar and Vocabulary Progression

- **Spanish 1:** Focus on foundational grammar (basic sentence structure, present tense, essential nouns and verbs) and essential vocabulary for everyday situations.
- **Spanish 2:** Expand grammar with more complex structures (preterite, imperfect, and present progressive tenses), adjectives, and common expressions to express ideas more clearly.

- **Spanish 3:** Introduce advanced grammar, including subjunctive and conditional tenses, and broaden vocabulary to address more sophisticated topics, such as abstract concepts, professional contexts, and cultural discussions.

Cultural Immersion

- **Authentic Experiences:** Throughout all levels, incorporate activities like film screenings, music, cuisine exploration, and virtual or in-person exchange programs. These immersive experiences will deepen cultural understanding and language application in real-world contexts.
- **Cultural Events:** Encourage participation in cultural festivals, language meetups, and other events to strengthen the connection to the language and culture.

Assessments

- **Formative Assessments:** Use interactive, real-world tasks such as role-plays, projects, and presentations to evaluate students' ability to integrate language skills with cultural knowledge. Focus on progress and the ability to apply language in practical, meaningful ways.
- **Reflection:** Students will regularly reflect on their learning journey, identifying areas of growth and opportunities for improvement.

Curriculum Alignment

By aligning the curriculum with these principles, students will develop not only language proficiency but also cultural literacy, cultivating an appreciation for Spanish-speaking communities worldwide. This holistic approach ensures that students are prepared to communicate effectively and respectfully in a globalized world.