

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College**  
**Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** SPA 101

**Credits:** 4

**Course Title:** Beginning Spanish I

**Course Description:** Introduces understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills and emphasizes basic Spanish sentence structure. Incorporates exposure to the arts, culture, and literature of the areas of the world where Spanish is spoken. Part I of II. May include an additional hour of oral drill and practice per week. Lecture 4 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:** The goal of the course is for students to pursue actively an understanding and appreciation of Spanish as a Foreign Language. It is intended for all audiences, but is geared toward students in Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and General Education. This course is also geared toward students that want to use Spanish for traveling purpose, job opportunity, or simply to start learning a new language.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

None

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Demonstrate understanding of concepts of Spanish pronunciation and sound system;
- b. Demonstrate knowledge of basic vocabulary, including idiomatic phrases;
- c. Demonstrate appropriate use of gender, subject, and verb agreement;
- d. Use regular and irregular verbs in the present tense indicative;
- e. Correctly form and use declarative and interrogative sentences;
- f. Demonstrate listening comprehension and speaking skills at the beginner's level; novice to mid-novice; and
- g. Identify and discuss some elements of Spanish customs and culture.

**Major Topics to Be Covered:**

- a. Pronunciation
- b. Spanish alphabet
- c. Basic dialogues – greetings, Introductions, etc.
- d. Essential vocabulary used in basic conversations
- e. Travel in Spain, Mexico, and Latin America
- f. Current events and culture
- g. Grammar: nouns, adjectives, regular and irregular verbs—present tense

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