

New groups forming weekly as of June 20, 2005  
Call 515-255-5241 for more information!

## Course Description

*Conversational Spanish is a communicative-based, learner-centered study program for adults interested in acquiring solid Spanish skills in a cooperative environment that encourages rapid acquisition. Sessions are conducted in a context that builds on learners' rich background of prior knowledge and experience.*

*In addition to a common core of Spanish communicative skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing), participants develop their own learning objectives based on individual interests and needs (for example, occupational Spanish, travel, arts, current events, etc.).*

*The modular structure (each session lasts 4 weeks, with new modules starting weekly) gives learners maximum flexibility in scheduling their Spanish acquisition around their busy lives.*

### Head Faculty:

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- M.L./A.B.D. in Linguistics from El Colegio de México, Mexico City
- M.A. in Spanish from UNI
- NAJIT/ATA Certified Interpreter-Translator
- 20+ years' experience as Spanish/Linguistics Instructor

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- B.A./M.A.E. in Education from UNI
- B.A. in Communication/Linguistics from Dallas Baptist University
- Language Acquisition Specialist
- Native Speaker of Spanish
- 20+ years' experience as Linguistics Instructor

### Plus Native Spanish-speaking Conversation Associates!

- Each group is paired with one or two native-Spanish speakers who guide in the acquisition of authentic speech patterns.



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Now enrolling!

## Conversational Spanish

Summer 2005



4-week modules starting  
weekly as of June 20, 2005

Register Now!

All Levels Available

# Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/ST/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call for Placement Evaluation:

\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe prior Spanish study/acquisition:

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## Session Availability

(please check **all** of your available times):

NOTE: Relaxed Pace = 1-hour session twice a week;

Standard Pace = 2-hour sessions twice a week

### Relaxed Pace only:

- Monday & Wednesday Noon
- Tuesday & Thursday Noon

### Relaxed or Standard Paces:

- Monday & Wednesday Afternoons
- Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons
- Monday & Wednesday Evenings
- Tuesday & Thursday Evenings

Application/Placement fee: \$25.00 (non-refundable), payable to:

**Iowa Multilingual Solutions, LLC.**

Please indicate form of payment below:

- Check (Number: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Money Order (Number: \_\_\_\_\_)



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Send completed application and payment to:  
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## Modular Structure of Classes

Each module lasts 4 weeks. Participants can sign up for the Relaxed pace (1-hour session twice a week), or the Standard Pace (2-hour session twice a week). The Relaxed Pace is designed for you to advance ½ fluency level per module, whereas the Standard Pace will allow you to advance one fluency level per module. With the modular structure you can flex your Spanish acquisition to fit your schedule, since you only commit to 4 weeks at a time!



"Without a knowledge of languages you feel as if you don't have a passport." — Anton Pavlovich Chekhov (1860–1904).

Applicants are given a placement evaluation to determine their current level of Spanish fluency. (We will contact you for your placement evaluation upon receipt of your application form and placement fee.)

## Spanish Fluency Levels (Based on the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines)

Introductory: Level 0 (never studied Spanish before)

Novice: Levels 1-8

Intermediate: Levels 9-16

Advanced: Levels 17-24

Superior: Levels 24-32

Groups are formed of 4 learners who are at the same fluency level. (Sessions with less than 4 learners are also allowed, for an additional fee; call for details.)

You can take up to 4 weeks of break between modules without re-taking the Placement Evaluation. However, for any break over 4 weeks, you must reapply and take the Placement Evaluation before continuing your studies. Significant breaks between modules may cause you to regress in your Spanish acquisition and you may need to retake one or more levels to get back on track.

## Fees (due at the first class session)

- Application/Placement Fee: \$25.00 (non-refundable)
- Relaxed Pace Fee: \$200.00 per module (4 weeks)
- Standard Pace Fee: \$400.00 per module (4 weeks)

- Materials are extra, and are purchased at the first class session (approx. \$60.00). Most materials are used for 4 fluency levels, thus reducing your overall cost.
- Credit Cards will be accepted soon; please call for details!

## Cancellations / Refunds

Cancellations up to and including the first day of classes are fully-refunded, minus a \$35.00 administrative fee. No refunds for cancellations after the first day of classes.

## Location

Classes are held at the Pipers', 3000 Grand Avenue #703, Des Moines, Iowa, 50312. Parking is available behind the building (enter from 31st St.) in any of the uncovered spaces. There are security entrances on the North (main) and West (garage entrance) sides of the building. The code to request entrance is 0703, or look up "Piper".

## On-site classes

Groups in the Des Moines Metropolitan area may request on-site classes (Relaxed or Standard) if they have 4 learners at the same fluency level who can meet at the same time. Note: On-site classes are non-refundable once the group has started. Please include the 4 applications and fees in one envelope with a cover letter specifying the days/times/locale requested.



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Scheduling Policy: In the event that a group of 4 at your level cannot be formed for the times/hours you indicated on your application, you will be placed on a waiting list until such a group can be formed. If you are still on a waiting list after 4 weeks, you will be given the opportunity to remain on the waiting list, or cancel your application and have your \$25.00 application fee refunded.

Groups start June 20, 2005  
Space is limited-register now!