

Intermediate Spanish

Course Description: Envision a space where students and teacher gather around a poem, a Honduran art piece, a Colombian fable, or an Argentinian tango... but the mode is in Spanish. This will be a space where we can talk using Charlotte Mason subjects the students are already familiar with and love. This year the students will learn and recite poetry, sing folk songs, recite Scripture, and become inspired in the rich Latin cultures around the world.

Students will practice speaking using the verbs, grammar, and weekly lessons for the beginning of class, and then continue with the beautiful Feast as our starting point. As we learn about art, poetry, music, and song, students will be encouraged to look, speak, listen, sing, and recite the beautiful Spanish language and put their findings into their Book of Centuries and Common Place notebooks/journals.

What to expect: At home, students will memorize a Bible verse, a poem, or a folk song each term. They will work through the Alveary lesson plans, that are four 30 minute lessons a week. Students will be given a surprise challenge for the week that they can choose to complete as a special assignment. This surprise challenge is not required, but is a challenge meant for the student to seek more speaking opportunities throughout the week.

In class, students will practice using the mode: I notice..., I wonder..., It reminds me of... (In Spanish "Noto..., Me pregunto..., Me recuerda...") alternating between various Charlotte Mason favorites: Picture Study, Composer Study, and Nature Study. The students will have time to practice the grammar/verb/lectura (reading) with their classmates in class. Students will be given opportunities to practice their memorization from home with their classmates.

Course Design: The students will have live weekly meetings on Zoom. Class participation via discussion boards and the schedule will all be accessed through Canvas platform. (which is free) Each student will need an email account to register. You can register using a parent's email account, but the student will need it to access the course. If registering with more than two children there will need to be two email accounts one for each student.



High School Credit:

If you wish to complete a full credit for one year of Spanish, your student needs to complete the lesson plans within the Alveary. A recommendation of a specific literature reading dependent on the child's level will be given. A narration notebook is highly recommended for fluency and memory in target language. Letter grades will be provided for this course if requested.

Supplies needed:

- Canvas account (information sent out)
- Book of Century book (personal)
- Commonplace book (notebook for quotes that stand out to the student)
- Books & Resources from Alveary:
- A Brief Spanish Grammar & Literature Vol. 3 (free)
 Spanish: Level 3 Student Lesson Plans & Notebook Combination (free)
 Spanish: Level 3 Teacher Manual (free)
 - Cuentos que contaban nuestros abuelos
 - Tales Our Abuelitas Told
 - The Tree is Older Than You Are

Pre-requisites: Needs to be in grades 7-12, Intermediate Low Spanish is a must.

Live meetings- Tuesdays 2:00-2:40pm (Eastern Standard); teacher will be available for questions and help for 10 minutes after class.

Course enrollment max: 12

Cost: \$300 for the year per student

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