

## **SPANISH: ADVANCED CONVERSATION**

### **Course Description**

O Spanish: Advanced Conversation

The class is conducted entirely in Spanish with an emphasis on active participation. Each week, the class is invited to explore a topic and share their different perspectives, based on a reading that is sent to the class one week in advance. A vocabulary list provides definitions and explanations of unusual words and expressions, comprehension questions for quick review, and discussion questions.

A typical lesson may include the following:

Greetings, "small talk", current events

A quick game

Summary of the weekly reading

A video clip about the topic, if available, or photos that prompt commentary

Exchange of opinions

Spanish songs, popular sayings related to the novel's themes, quotes from experts / celebrities

Topics are selected from the following broad categories as they relate to Spanish speakers from around the globe.

THE ARTS

HISTORY

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

SOCIETY

CURRENT EVENTS AND TRENDS

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

MODERN DILEMMAS

### **SAMPLE TOPICS FROM FALL 2024**

\*Claudia Sheinbaum, Mexico's first woman president

\*Judicial controversy over a Pissarro painting stolen by the Nazi's - did the court's decision neglect the moral questions in the case?

\*The National Recording Registry of the Library of Congress recognizes the significant contribution of Latino artists to American culture

\* A Paralympic athlete wins the Games' first gold medal for Mexico - and the challenges she overcame to get there

\*The little Paraguayan company that was sued by Disney - and won!

### **Weekly Layout:**