

**COURSE NUMBER** 204  
**COURSE TITLE:** Spanish I  
**COURSE LENGTH:** Year, Two Credits  
**PREREQUISITE:** "C" grade or above in Language Arts suggested  
  
**GRADE LEVEL:** 9, 10, 11, or 12

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Spanish I presents the basics of the Spanish language--both written and spoken--pronunciation, spelling and grammar. Since a language is a reflection of the culture or cultures that speak it, elements of Spanish, Mexican and South American culture will also be integrated into the teaching of the language. The ability to speak Spanish is a definite benefit to all job skills. The ability to speak a foreign language is a question asked in all styles of employment, business, education and government. The acquaintance with Spanish gained in Spanish I can be a benefit to any future occupation.

**COURSE RATIONALE:**

This is a beginning course in the study of the Spanish language and culture

**METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:** Multi-faceted--including teacher, text, tape recording, workbooks, films, and transparencies.

**ASSESSMENT:** Grades will be based on daily work and daily participation, both oral and written tests, oral presentations, both oral and written quizzes, and dictations. Students must pass the first semester of Spanish I with a minimum C- or with permission of the teacher. to be able to continue on to the second semester.

**CRITICAL OBJECTIVES:**

1. to develop a basic oral and written vocabulary in Spanish
2. to become acquainted with the pronunciation, spelling and grammar of the Spanish language
3. to understand when spoken to in Spanish at an elementary level
4. to generate original communications in Spanish--both oral and written
5. to become aware of some basic cultural differences between Spain, Mexico, some South American countries and the United States
6. to use visual and graphic clues in reading simple texts