



**Department of Engineering  
Language Unit  
Español para ingenieros  
Básico (Beginners)**

**Prerequisites:** No previous knowledge of the language. This is a complete beginners course, suitable for students who are keen to experience and learn the basics of Spanish from the start. It is not suitable for students who have studied or learned the language in previous courses/experiences.

**Target level\*:** Level A1/A2 of the CEFR

**Approach:** The classes are **communicative** and consist of tasks oriented at helping students understand Spanish in use and to acquire it by use. All four communicative skills –listening, speaking, reading and writing– are practised in context, with special emphasis on scientific, specifically engineering, content, so that students apply it to their own area studies. Each class focuses on a topic that is related to the previous and following one; activities build on the students' abilities and on their previous knowledge and are graded throughout the course. Grammar and vocabulary are practised and perfected in context. This approach encourages students to experience Spanish for work and life in a Hispanic context and to apply it to academic and scientific purposes specifically.

**Aims:**

- To provide an introduction to Spanish Language in the main language skills (*listening, speaking, reading and writing*);
- To cover the basic grammatical structures and lexis;
- To encourage a positive and confident attitude towards language learning;
- To promote cultural awareness.

**Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand short and simple monologues or dialogues on familiar topics immediately related to their personal and/or professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)
- Take part in simple conversations on familiar topics immediately related to their personal and/or professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)

- Talk for a few minutes using simple sentences about familiar topics immediately related to their personal and/or professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)
- Understand short and simple texts on familiar topics immediately related to their personal and/or professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)
- Write short and simple texts on familiar topics immediately related to their personal and/or professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)

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