

Tuesdays 1–2:30 p.m. and Thursdays 1–2:30 p.m.

Meets: Tues. Jan 15 – Mar 19 (no class Mar 12); Thurs. Jan 17 – Mar 21 (no class Feb. 21 and Mar 14)

The Teacher

Vicki Simon holds an MA in Spanish, studied and lived in Mexico City, and taught for ten years; She served as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner in Nairobi, Kenya (where she learned the Kiswahili language and culture of East Africa); upon return she served as Director of Mission Services for the Maryknoll Lay Mission Association, Maryknoll, New York; and most recently as Director of Social Ministry at College Church.

Prerequisites

Successful completion of Pastoral Spanish IA, or its equivalency.

Description and Objectives

This 10-week, 2-credit Spring Term 2013 course is a companion ten-week course to the Fall Term 2012 class. Taken together as a four-credit fall and spring term introductory or refresher study, the two courses will offer a beginning student of Spanish equivalent language competency to a three-credit Spanish I course, with another credit's further work on beginning cultural competence for pastoral ministry to parishioners especially from Mexico.

Procedures:

A balanced four-skills approach emphasizing the use of Spanish for communication. Pronunciation exercises and practical vocabulary taught in culturally authentic contexts; Dialogues introduce vocabulary and structures; questions on dialogues check for comprehension and offer discussion; new grammatical structures are followed by exercises ranging from oral drills to contextualized activities by individual, pairs and group work. Reading of essays and situational activities based on current cultural information of the Hispanic world.

Evaluation:

- class participation and lesson assignments
- oral quizzes for listening comprehension and speaking
- final exam (oral and written)

Required Text/Materials:

Experience Spanish (un mundo sin limites) with Connect Plus by Amores, Suarez Garcia and Morris; Publisher McGraw-Hill, 2012. (Connect Plus includes a digital workbook and access to interactive exercises and practice) ISBN #9780077489267