

O Spanish: Advanced Conversation

The class is conducted entirely in Spanish with an emphasis on active participation.

A typical lesson includes the following:

Greetings, "small talk"

A quick game

Current events

Summary of the weekly reading

A video clip about the topic, if available, or photos that prompt commentary Exchange of opinions related to the reading

Spanish songs, popular sayings related to the novel's themes, quotes

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 SPRING 2024:

- * "Overtourism" and its negative impact on major Spanish cities and their inhabitants
- * Saving marine turtles (Mexico, Ecuador, Puerto Rico) to protect the fragile * equilibrium of our oceans
- * Velazquez's *Meninas* inspire modern-day street artist Antonio Azzato; life-size sculptures in Spain and Venezuela promote pride and solidarity
- * U.S. reinstates sanctions on Venezuelan petroleum after this effort to ensure "free and fair elections" fails
- * Who is José Andrés? - How is he providing aid to disaster victims more efficiently than government agencies?

* *El Axolotl* – a curious short story by Julio Cortázar