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## STUDY SPANISH AT LAGUARDIA

### Why Study Spanish?

- Spanish is the world's third most spoken language, after Mandarin Chinese and English, and ranks second in terms of native speakers. Today, almost 500 million people worldwide speak Spanish.
- There are more than 70 countries in the world with measurable Spanish-speaking populations. At least 29 countries have over 1 million Spanish speakers.
- With more than 37 million speakers, Spanish is by far the most spoken non-English language in the U.S. today. It is also one of the fastest growing, with the number of speakers up by 233% since 1980.
- Employers are seeking applicants who can speak Spanish in almost every profession, including medical, government, finance, and education. In the past, learning Spanish used to be a way to open doors; soon, it will be a necessity.

**Convinced? Then say ¡SI! and sign up for one of the following classes....**

**ELEMENTARY SPANISH I (ELS101):** This course aims to develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Spanish. Knowledge and understanding of Spanish culture is also nourished through the examination of cultural practices, products, and perspectives. \*

**ELEMENTARY SPANISH II (ELS102):** This course is a continuation of ELS101 Elementary Spanish 1. It is designed to further develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing within a cultural context. \*

**INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I (ELS103):** This course is designed to further develop functional language proficiency and increase the ability to communicate accurately in Spanish within a socio-cultural context. The four communicative skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are emphasized with particular attention to sentence and paragraph structure, grammatical features, and oral and written fluency. This course is taught mostly in Spanish.

*\* This class is not for native or heritage speakers of Spanish. Students proficient in Spanish and heritage speakers must take higher-level courses appropriate to their proficiency levels.*

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