

## SCHOOL: ST. MARK'S LEARNING ACADEMY

Course title: Beginner's Spanish  
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Semester: February – May  
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**TEXT:** Blanco, José A. and Donley, Philip Redwine. *¡VIVA!*, *Third Edition*, Vista Higher Learning, 2015. *Additional Resources: Workbook, Students Activities Manual*  
Zayas – Bazán, Eduardo J., Bacon, Susan. and Nibert, Holly J. *¡Arriba!*, *Fifth Edition*, Pearson Education, 2008. *Additional Resources: Workbook, Students Activities Manual*

**(All Materials/Copies provided by instructor)**

### Course Objective:

This course is a Beginner's course, offering a basic introduction to the Spanish Language. The main objectives of this course include:

- Ability to comprehend and respond to basic conversational patterns.
- Proficiency and knowledge of basic grammatical structures and terminologies
- Basic proficiency in reading and writing the language.
- Knowledge of significant cultural practices and historical events from the Spanish-speaking world.

### Course Components:

**Mini-pruebas:** There will be short quizzes at the end of each **lección**.

**Pruebas:** These will be take – home assignments or tests to be completed for the next class.

**Examen:** There will be two short exams, one in the middle of the course and the other at the end

**Tarea:** Will consist of homework provided from the textbook and the Student Activities Manual. Exercises will also include listening exercises.

### Preliminary Syllabus/Plan De Estudios: (Classes meet once a week for an hour)

Semana/Día	Cultura/Vocabulario	Grammar
Semana 1 L1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Introduction to the course</li><li>○ Pronunciation</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introductions and greetings: formal and informal</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 2</b> <b>L1</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nouns and articles</li> <li>○ Numbers 0-30</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 3</b> <b>L1</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Verb '<b>ser</b>' in the present tense</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 4</b> <b>L1</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Time</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 5</b> <b>L2/L3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ People/Places at the university</li> <li>○ Courses of study</li> <li>○ Days of the week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>-ar, -er, -ir</b> regular verbs en el presente</li> <li>○ Forming questions</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 6</b> <b>L2</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Verb '<b>estar</b>' in the present tense</li> <li>○ Numbers 31-100</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 7</b> <b>L3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family relationships</li> <li>○ Professions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Descriptive adjectives</li> <li>○ Possessive adjectives</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 8</b> <b>L3/L4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pastimes</li> <li>○ Places in the city</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Present tense of <b>tener, venir, hacer</b> and <b>ir</b></li> </ul>
<b>Semana 9</b> <b>L4</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stem changing verbs.</li> <li>○ Irregular <b>yo</b> forms</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 10</b> <b>L5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transportation and lodging</li> <li>○ Days of the week, months, seasons, and weather expressions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Estar</b> with conditions and emotions</li> <li>○ The present progressive</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 11</b> <b>L5</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ser</b> vs. <b>estar</b></li> </ul>
<b>Semana 12</b> <b>L5</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Direct object nouns and pronouns</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 13</b> <b>L6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shopping</li> <li>○ Clothing</li> <li>○ Colours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Numbers 101 and higher</li> <li>○ Preterit tense of regular verbs</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 14</b> <b>L6</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indirect Object Pronouns</li> <li>○ Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 15</b> <b>L7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Daily routine</li> <li>○ Personal hygiene</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reflexive verbs</li> <li>○ Indefinite and negative words</li> </ul>
<b>Semana 16</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Preterit of <b>ser</b> and <b>ir</b></li> </ul>

**L7**

○ Sequencing expressions

○ **Gustar** and verbs like **gustar**