

Elementary Spanish I

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Hawaii is rapidly becoming a multiracial state. People with different backgrounds in culture, tradition, and language visit or live and enjoy the beautiful settings of the islands. Because of this large influx of people coming from Europe and Latin America, Spanish is rapidly becoming a major language in Hawaii. There is a growing demand for people with proficiency in the Spanish language to cope with the needs of the tourism industry, local business establishment, state and federal agencies, and the military. To assist in addressing this demand, Chaminade University of Honolulu offers a basic but comprehensive course entitled **Elementary Spanish I**. The main objective of this course is to provide students with a basic knowledge of the Spanish language with emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Prerequisite: None

Reference Book: *Puntos de Partida*. Authors: Marty Knorre, Ana Maria Perez-Girones, William R. Glass, Hildebrando Villarreal
McGraw Hill, New York, NY, 1997.

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Weekly Thematic Outline

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- Week 1** The Alphabet in Spanish: Pronunciation and Spelling. Nouns, Pronouns, Adjectives, and Articles: Uses and Rules. Latin Music and Lyrics: "*Silencio*", Singer: *Jose Luis Rodriguez "El Puma"*.
- Week 2** Gender in Spanish Words: Masculine and Feminine Terms, Rules and Guidelines. Reading and Comprehension: *Visit to <http://www.peru.com>*
- Week 3** Formation of Singular and Plural: Basic Rules and Uses. The Basic Structure of Sentences: Role of Articles, Nouns, Verbs, and Adjectives. Reading and Comprehension: *Visit to <http://www.colombia.com>*.
- Week 4** Numbers: Pronunciation and Uses, Types of Numbers, Decimals, Fractions), Simple Math Operations (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division).
- Week 5** Handling of Currency, Dates, Addresses, Age, and other Uses. Time: Telling Time, Rules, and Uses. Journey to South America: *The Galapagos Islands*.
- Week 6** Basic Vocabulary: Colors and Shapes. Questions: Interrogative Words and Rules of Formation.
- Week 7** Expressions: Types, Uses, and Rules of Formation. Music and Lyrics: "*Corazon*", Singer: *Julio Iglesias*.
- Week 8** Commands: Rules and Uses. Verb To Be: Conjugation and Uses. Reading and Comprehension: *Visit to <http://www.mexico.com>*
- Week 9** Vocabulary: Travel, Transportation, Directions, Travel Requirements. Reading and Comprehension.

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Weekly Thematic Outline (Continued)

- Week 10** Basic Conversation: Greetings, Weather, Time, Miscellaneous.
- Week 11** Regular Verbs: Conjugation and uses. Reading and Comprehension.
Journey to South America: *The Amazon Basin and the Andes*.
- Week 12** Irregular Verbs: Conjugation and Uses. Reading and Comprehension:
Visit to: <http://www.costarica.com>
- Week 13** Vocabulary: Clothing, Jewelry, and Others. The Family
Structure in Spanish: Nomenclature, Names, and Relationships.
- Week 14** Basic Conversation: Shopping, Sightseeing. Vocabulary: Foods,
Utensils, and House Appliances. Reading and Comprehension.
- Week 15** Spanish-speaking Countries: Geographical and Environmental
settings, Mains Cities, Places of Attraction, Culture, People,
and Tradition.
- Week 16** Wrap-up. A Review of Rules and Commands Used in Basic
Grammar and Composition.