



**Course FB-13**

**ACQUISITION OF SPANISH PHONETICS AND PHONOLOGY**

(45 class hours)

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**OBJECTIVES**

The aim of this Course is to provide an in-depth exploration of how, at the level of expression, the Spanish language is structured, while foregrounding the phonemes and sounds of Spanish through a context-based method, thereby contributing to the improvement of students' speaking skills.

**METHODOLOGY**

Without minimizing the importance of theoretical subject-matter, emphasis will be placed on practice, to such an extent that involvement in a wide range of exercises will progressively give rise to the capacity to use the phonemes and sounds of Spanish skilfully.

**SYLLABUS**

Definitions: Phonology and Phonetics. Acoustic Phonetics. Articulatory and Auditory Phonetics.

Syllables. Syllabic Boundaries.

Accents. Word Classification according to Accentuation.

Intonation. Types of Pause.

Phonemes, Allophones and Letter Graphemes.

Phonetic Neutralization and Archiphonemes.

Speech Organs. Vocal Sounds and their Utterance: Phonation.

Utterance Articulation. Classification of Sounds in Spanish:

Manner of the Articulation of Sounds.

Places of the Articulation of Sounds.

Actions of the Vocal Chords. Actions of the Soft Palate / Velum.

Vowel Phonemes:

Vowels and their Articulatory Classification.

Vowel Clusters: Diphthongs, Triphthongs, and Hiatus.

Utterance of the Conjunctions and (y) and or (u).

Consonant Phonemes:

Plosives.

Fricatives.

Affricates.

Nasals.

Liquid Consonants: Lateral Liquids and Rhotic Trills.

Phonosyntax:

Vowel Glides and Semivowels.

Approximant Consonants.



Synalæphes.

Phonetic and Phonological Transcriptions.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Active participation in class sessions on a daily basis: 10%

Oral report on a freely-chosen topic of current or general interest: 15%

Assignment involving the drawing up of a catalogue of the phonemes and sounds of Spanish: 10%

Theoretical-practical exam at the mid-way point of the semester: 15%

End-of-semester, final theoretical-practical exam: 50%

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