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<b>Spanish 1A - Beginning Spanish</b>
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**Course Description:** Provides a basic introduction to alphabet, numbers, days of the week, months, seasons, telling time. Vocabulary includes colors, a variety of food and beverage items, definite and indefinite articles, and other essential grammar subjects.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Mondays, January 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 8 and 15, 2010

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Register Online: Course #12500

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.



Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11 and 18, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Register Online: Course #12515

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.

<b>Spanish 1B - Beginning Spanish</b>
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**Course Description:** Continues to expand vocabulary. Learn family, furniture, clothing. Study collective and proper nouns, descriptive and possessive adjectives, subject pronouns, the verbs Ser and Tener, and idiomatic usages. Greetings, direct objects, and AR, ER, and IR verbs are introduced.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Mondays, January 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 8 and 15, 2010

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Register Online: Course #12501

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.



Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 9 and 16, 2010

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12512

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.

## Spanish 2A - Beginning Spanish

**Course Description:** Vocabulary includes physical elements of the sky, the world, weather, cities, location. Begin writing paragraphs and conjugating AR, ER, IR verbs. The uses of Ser and Estar are studied. Also, the present progressive, impersonal verbs, and uses of Hacer are examined.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Wednesdays, January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 10 and 17, 2010

Time: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12502



Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Mondays, January 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 8, and 15, 2010

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12513

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.

## Spanish 2B - Beginning Spanish

**Course Description:** Continue forming sentences, paragraphs, questions. The verb Ir + a, Querer, Tener and their idioms are studied. Negative and interrogative words and sentences included. Discussion of cultural readings. Learn the preterit tense for AR, ER, IR verbs. Also, preterit tense for Estar, Querer, Tener.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Wednesdays, January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 10 and 17, 2010

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12503

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.



Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Mondays, January 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 8, and 15, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12514

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.

### Spanish 3 - Intermediate Spanish

**Course Description:** Continue forming sentences, paragraphs and questions. The preterit, imperfect and future verb tenses will be studied. Some basic conversation will be encouraged.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 9 and 16, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12504

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.

### Conversational Spanish

**Course Description:** Do you want to develop your Spanish language fluency in a friendly, non-threatening environment? In this gently paced course, you will exchange greetings, ask questions, give directions, tell time, read a menu -- and much more! This is an introductory class but it does require basic Spanish through the Intermediate level.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Wednesdays, January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 17, 2010

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12518

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.

### Advanced Spanish Course - Reading and Advanced Grammar

**Course Description:** In this class students will read and discuss Spanish short stories and novels which will enable a deeper understanding of the more intricate Spanish grammatical constructions. Class will be conducted in Spanish, and conversation will be encouraged.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 9 and 16, 2010

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12506

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.

<b>Advanced Spanish Course - Preterit and Imperfect Tenses</b>
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**Course Description:** Do you need practice using these two variations of the past tense? This 6 week class will focus on conjugating regular and irregular Spanish verbs in the preterit and imperfect using practice exercises.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 9 and 16, 2010

Time: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12507

Tuition for this 6 week course: \$72.00 plus materials.

<b>Special Topic Series: Direct and Indirect Pronouns</b>
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Did you study direct and indirect object pronouns in the past but still have questions about when and where to place them in your Spanish sentences? Resolve your confusion in this two hour class presented as part of our Special Topic Series. In a small group setting you will focus on the rules, study examples, and receive plenty of practice using direct and indirect pronouns. Space is limited; sign up now for your “pronoun tune-up,” and gain confidence in your ability to create and understand useful sentences!

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Monday, February 1st and 15th, 2010

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #pronouns

Fee: \$30.00 includes materials

<b>Special Topic Series: Por and Para</b>
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Are you puzzled by the different meanings of por and para? Do you often wonder which preposition to use? You don't have to be confused any longer! This two-hour seminar focuses on the conditions that determine which word is best for your Spanish sentences. Learn the rules, study the idioms: improve your comprehension.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Tuesdays, February 23rd & March 2nd, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #9Por

Fee: \$30.00 includes materials

### **Special Topic Series: Spanish Reflexive Verbs and Pronouns**

Improve your Spanish sentences in this two-hour workshop that focuses specifically on reflexive verbs and the pronouns that are used with them. Learn when to use these verbs, how to conjugate them, and the correct placement of the reflexive pronouns. After understanding the rules, you will have lots of practice and opportunities to resolve any questions.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Date: Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #reflexive

Fee: \$30.00 includes materials

### **Special Topic Series: Present Subjunctive in Dependent Clauses**

Do you wonder about the subjunctive mood and how it functions? Join our Special Topic Series to learn how to form the present of the subjunctive and, also, how this tense is used in dependent clauses. In our two hour workshop, you'll discover how easy it is to master one of the most frequently utilized tenses in the Spanish language. There will be plenty of oral and written practice.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Date: Tuesday, February 23rd and February 25th, 2010

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #clauses

Fee: \$30.00 includes materials

### **Spanish for Educational Settings**

For teachers, administrators, and school staff who wish to communicate with Spanish-speaking students and adults. Learn simple Spanish phrases in order to obtain essential information, give directions, and identify problems. Use polite terms to increase comfort levels and encourage interactions. Explain the lunch program, school bus details, attendance and behavior issues, and more. This course provides basic words and phrases appropriate in a school setting.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Date: Saturdays, January 30th, February 13th and 27th, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #12522

Tuition for this 3 week course: \$84.00 plus materials.

### Spanish for Healthcare Professionals

**Course Description:** **Spanish for Healthcare Professionals** is a specialized and intensive Spanish language course designed to enhance effective communication between patients and their healthcare providers. Emphasis is on basic, practical language needed to communicate with Spanish speaking patients and their families at the hospital or doctor's office, on the telephone, or at the patient's home.

**Maria Oliveira Language Learning Center** has been approved as a Continuing Education Provider by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

Approval # CEP 15113

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Place: Maria Oliveira Language Learning Center

Dates: January 9 & 23 and February 6 & 20, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Course Number: 12508

**Tuition for this 4 week course:** \$160.00. Textbooks included.

### Spanish for Social Services

**Course Description:** For Social Services professionals who interact with Spanish-speaking clients, this class enables communication, saves time in a crisis, and improves efficiency. Learn the basic questions and understand the answers that are vital in emergencies, screenings, and routine interviews. Determine living expenses, financial problems, qualifying factors, family relationships. Obtain identification, income information, and legal status. Social Workers and Eligibility Workers will learn effective phrases, vocabulary, and questions to use for a more productive outcome.

**Maria Oliveira Language Learning Center** has been approved as a Continuing Education Provider by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Approval No. PCE 4311.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Place: Maria Oliveira Language Learning Center

Dates: April 3, 17 and May 1, 15, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Course Number: 12509

**Tuition for this 4 week course:** \$160.00. Textbooks included.

## Conversational Portuguese 1 - EUROPEAN ACCENT

**Course Description:** This 6 week **Conversational Portuguese language course** is an introduction to the Portuguese language and culture using native *European pronunciation*. Participants will learn basic vocabulary and grammar as well as useful phrases needed when traveling and doing business in Portuguese speaking countries. Conversation is encouraged through interactive activities. Cultural visual materials will be presented and used to aid with communication skills. No previous knowledge of the language required.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Dates: Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11 and 18, 2010

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #10500

Tuition: \$78.00 per course plus materials

NEW! Sign up for this Conversational Portuguese 1 class AND add our Portuguese for Beginners online course as a lab and additional study aid.

Use these online lessons in conjunction with what Maria will teach you in the class. Practice and self-test with the interactive exercises (quizzes and puzzles). Repeat lessons at your own pace. Listen to our audio clips for the correct pronunciation of the Portuguese vocabulary, verbs and phrases. The entire course will reinforce everything you're learning in Maria's class AND you'll have access to this online course for a full 6 months.

*You'll be assigned a user name and password to access your online language lesson when you place your order. This user name and password will be valid for 6 months.*

Tuition for both the 6 week class and 6 months access to the online course is \$102.00  
(plus materials).

Register Online: *Course #10503.*

## Conversational Portuguese 2 - EUROPEAN ACCENT

**Course Description:** A continuation of Conversational Portuguese 1, this course introduces new vocabulary and grammatical constructions. Readings, written exercises, and practical conversations are used in both individual and group settings.

Instructor: Maria Oliveira

Dates: Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11 and 18, 2010

Time: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #10502

Tuition: \$78.00 per course plus materials

### Conversational Portuguese - BRAZILIAN ACCENT

**Course Description:** This 6 week **Conversational Portuguese language course** is an introduction to the Portuguese language and culture using native *Brazilian pronunciation*. Participants will learn basic vocabulary and grammar as well as useful phrases needed when traveling and doing business in Portuguese speaking countries. Conversation is encouraged through interactive activities. Cultural visual materials will be presented and used to aid with communication skills. No previous knowledge of the language required.

Instructor: Jennifer Ly

Dates: Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11 and 18, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #10501

Tuition: \$78.00 per course plus materials

### French 1: Introduction to Conversational French

This 6 week course introduces basic vocabulary and grammar with authentic pronunciation. Learn useful phrases needed when traveling and doing business in French-speaking countries. Conversation is encouraged through interactive activities. Cultural visual materials will be presented and used to aid with communication skills. No previous knowledge of the language required.

Instructor: Daouda Camara

Dates: Wednesdays, January 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Register Online: Course #11501

Tuition: \$75.00

### Conversational French

Practice and improve your language skills in this advanced class presented in a relaxed, yet stimulating format. Read and discuss French short stories, novels, newspapers, and articles to develop your conversational abilities and deepen your understanding of French culture. Expand your vocabulary and practice idiomatic expressions using natural, realistic dialogue; watch French TV news programs; immerse yourself in the rhythm and flow of French poems and songs. This class is conducted in French and will build your confidence as it broadens your experience of the language.

Instructor: Daouda Camara

Dates: Wednesdays, January 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2010

Time: 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Register Online: Course #11500

Tuition: \$75.00

### Specialized English for Non-Native Speakers

For non-native speakers of English who wish to improve their speaking, reading, or writing skills in the workplace. Prepare effective and grammatically correct emails, letters, or reports. Expand vocabulary. Sharpen pronunciation. Polish skills for successful interviewing. Whether you have a specific project in mind or more generalized goals for self-improvement, you will learn to express ideas clearly and avoid misunderstandings in person or on the telephone.

Presented in a one-on-one format that focuses on individual needs. Please contact us to set up an appointment.

### Ongoing Language Learning Groups

These classes meet weekly and progress at their own rate. Students may join an Ongoing Group at any time if their language experience is at the current level of the group in session. Determination of the student's level is made by the teacher. For placement contact instructor (707-745-8267).

- **Ongoing Spanish study group FOR SENIORS (age 65 and older).** Thursdays, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.. These continuing classes are \$65.00 a month, fees payable on the first of each month. Materials are extra and may be purchased in class.
- **Ongoing Spanish study group for adults.** Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.. These continuing classes are \$72.00 a month, fees payable on the first of each month.



## ONLINE SPANISH COURSES

### Beginning Conversational Spanish Online Language Course

Learn basic Spanish vocabulary and grammar and useful phrases in thirty-two lessons. Study numbers, time, dates, seasons, as well as extensive new vocabulary for every day situations. Conjugate regular verbs as well as important irregular verbs. Practice and self-test with interactive exercises. Repeat lessons at your own pace. Listen to our audio clips for the correct pronunciation of the Spanish vocabulary, verbs and phrases. At the end of the course, you will learn words and sentences useful when traveling and doing business in Spanish-speaking countries. You will be able to form simple sentences in the present tense.

**Price: \$48.00**

Upon completion of your order you'll be issued a user name and password to access your lesson. This user name and password will be valid for 1 full year.

Renew your online course for another year for only \$18.00. We'll send you a new user name and password when we receive your order.

### **Present Tense - Irregular Verbs Online Spanish Language Course**

Learn the present tense conjugations of 30 new irregular verbs. The lessons include interactive exercises, quizzes, and puzzles. Repeat any of the course components until you have mastered the material. Use them in sentences; pick up new vocabulary; practice with self-testing exercises and quizzes. Listen to our audio clips for the correct pronunciation of the Spanish vocabulary, verbs and phrases. This course is a terrific supplement to your other Spanish studies.

**Price: \$48.00**

Upon completion of your order you'll be issued a user name and password to access your lesson. This user name and password will be valid for 1 full year.

## **NEW!! ONLINE EUROPEAN PORTUGUESE COURSES**

### **European Portuguese for Beginners Online**

Learn basic vocabulary and grammar and useful phrases in thirty lessons. Study numbers, time, dates, seasons, as well as extensive new vocabulary for every day situations. Conjugate regular verbs as well as important irregular verbs. Practice and self-test with interactive exercises. Repeat lessons at your own pace. Listen to our audio clips for the correct pronunciation of the Portuguese vocabulary, verbs and phrases. Upon completion of this course, you will have learned many words and sentences useful for traveling and doing business in Portuguese-speaking countries. You will be able to form simple sentences in the present tense.

**Price: \$48.00**

Upon completion of your order you'll be issued a user name and password to access your lesson. This user name and password will be valid for 1 full year.

Renew your online course for another year for only \$18.00. We'll send you a new user name and password when we receive your order.

**NEW!!! European Portuguese Beginning 2**

This online course is a continuation of the Portuguese for Beginners 1, offering all new vocabulary, grammatical constructions, cultural notes, and readings. Study important verbs and their conjugations, including the preterit of regular and some irregular verbs. Learn interrogative words, impersonal verbs, adjectives, and how to form negative sentences. Thirty-four lessons cover these subjects, and more! There are over 90 interactive exercises that enable you to practice, reconfigure, and repeat any section until you have mastered the material.

**Price: \$48.00**

Upon completion of your order you'll be issued a user name and password to access your lesson. This user name and password will be valid for 1 full year.

**European Portuguese Beginning 3 - Present Tense Irregular Verbs**

Learn to conjugate and use 30 new Portuguese irregular verbs. The lessons include interactive exercises, quizzes, and puzzles. Repeat any of the course components until you have mastered the material. Use them in sentences; pick up new vocabulary; practice with self-testing exercises and quizzes. This course is a terrific supplement to your other Portuguese studies.

**Price: \$48.00**

Upon completion of your order you'll be issued a user name and password to access your lesson. This user name and password will be valid for 1 full year.

Renew your online course for another year for only \$18.00. We'll send you a new user name and password when we receive your order.

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## **NEW!! ONLINE BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE COURSES**

### **Brazilian Portuguese for Beginners**

Learn basic vocabulary and grammar and useful phrases in thirty lessons. Study numbers, time, dates, seasons, as well as extensive new vocabulary for every day situations. Conjugate regular verbs as well as important irregular verbs. Practice and self-test with interactive exercises. Repeat lessons at your own pace. Listen to our audio clips for the correct pronunciation of the Portuguese vocabulary, verbs and phrases. Upon completion of this course, you will have learned many words and sentences useful for traveling and doing business in Portuguese-speaking countries. You will be able to form simple sentences in the present tense.

**Price: \$48.00**

Upon completion of your order you'll be issued a user name and password to access your lesson. This user name and password will be valid for 1 full year.

### **Brazilian Portuguese 2 - Present Tense Irregular Verbs**

Learn to conjugate and use 30 new Portuguese irregular verbs. The lessons include interactive exercises, quizzes, and puzzles. Repeat any of the course components until you have mastered the material. Use them in sentences; pick up new vocabulary; practice with self-testing exercises and quizzes. This course is a terrific supplement to your other Portuguese studies and will move you significantly closer to your bilingual goals.

**Price: \$48.00**

Upon completion of your order you'll be issued a user name and password to access your lesson. This user name and password will be valid for 1 full year.

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## Registration Form

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adult Classes registration form

**Small Group Classes** - Maximum number of participants per class is 10 students

Course #	Course Title	Instructor	Time	Starts	M	TW	TH	F	S	Price

**Call for registration: 1-707-745-8267**

**Class Location – 2644 Appian Way, Suite 102, Pinole, CA 94564**

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