Professional and Public Programs – Continuing Education at UTEP

Languages and Cultural Studies
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Professional and Public Programs knows that language skills are a valuable tool for advancement. Learning a new language is a fun, useful way to keep your brain sharp and expand your knowledge of other cultures, places and people. With travel becoming safer and more possible, now might be the time to learn a new language and prepare for that trip you have planned. Learning a new language with us is

- Affordable and convenient
- Fun and engaging
- An opportunity to learn, network and build confidence

Classes are available for Chinese, French, Spanish and more.
Face-to-Face Courses

Intensive Spanish Program:

Beginners B1
Start date: September 13, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Beginners B2
Start date: October 18, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Intermediate IM1
Start date: September 13, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Intermediate IM2
Start date: October 18, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Advanced ADV 1
Start date: September 13, 2021
Fee: $127
Early Bird Registration Fee: $114.30
→ Click here to register

Advanced ADV 2
Start date: October 18, 2021
Fee: $127
Early Bird Registration Fee: $114.30
→ Click here to register

For more details about these courses, see pages 5-6 of this section.

The level of comprehension that [our instructor] provided was top-notch. I learned so much more than I expected, and now have the tools to confidently continue my study of Japanese.”

Anonymous
Former Languages student
Class taken: Japanese - Level I

See next page for a list of our Fall/Winter 2021 Languages and Cultural Studies courses.

For details, visit ppp.utep.edu/languages

Contact our Team

BY PHONE
Call 915-747-5142, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

BY EMAIL
Send us an email with your questions to: p3lang@utep.edu

COVID-19 PRECAUTION STATEMENT

Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, prior to, after, and/or during your time enrolled in your course(s), you are highly encouraged to report your results to covidaction@utep.edu as well as to let our office know at ppp@utep.edu.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear face masks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that we can take care of ourselves and others is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit epstrong.org.
“After a period of time where most countries limited traveling only to essential purposes, Japan will soon reopen its doors to the world and more than ever this is the time for you to be ready! Invest in yourself, study the Japanese language and learn more about culture here at UTEP’s Professional and Public Programs.”

Fernando Yamamoto
Instructor, Japanese

Ethnologue puts the number of native Chinese speakers at 1.3 billion, making it the most spoken language in the world. 1.1 billion of those speakers speak Mandarin.

→ Click here to view complete article.

Face-to-Face Courses
The following courses are offered face-to-face for ages 18 and older.

**CHINESE**

**Introductory Mandarin Chinese**
Learn to speak elementary Mandarin Chinese, including pronunciation and common greetings; also learn how to read and write a few basic Chinese characters.

*Start date: August 15, 2021*
*Fee: $189*
*Early Bird Registration Fee: $170.01*
*Returning Student Fee: $179.55*

→ Click here to register

**Fundamental Mandarin Chinese I**
Progress with learning Mandarin Chinese; learn additional vocabulary and how to read and write some basic traditional Chinese characters.

*Prerequisite:* Introductory Chinese or equivalent level of Chinese language proficiency approved by the instructor.

*Start date: August 15, 2021*
*Fee: $189*
*Early Bird Registration Fee: $170.01*
*Returning Student Fee: $179.55*

→ Click here to register

**Fundamental Mandarin Chinese II**
Progress in your learning of Mandarin Chinese.

*Prerequisite:* Fundamental Chinese I or equivalent level of Chinese language proficiency approved by the instructor.

*Start date: August 15, 2021*
*Fee: $189*
*Early Bird Registration Fee: $170.01*
*Returning Student Fee: $179.55*

→ Click here to register

**Intermediate Mandarin Chinese**
Get comfortable speaking, reading and writing Mandarin Chinese; you will learn more vocabulary, and read and write more as well.

*Prerequisite:* Fundamental Chinese II or equivalent level of Chinese language proficiency approved by the instructor.

*Start date: August 15, 2021*
*Fee: $189*
*Early Bird Registration Fee: $170.01*
*Returning Student Fee: $179.55*

→ Click here to register
Advanced Mandarin Chinese
Be fluent in communicating in Mandarin Chinese and read longer Chinese articles.
Prerequisite: Intermediate Chinese or an equivalent level of Chinese language capacity approved by the instructor.
Start date: August 15, 2021
Fee: $189
Early Bird Registration Fee: $170.01
Returning Student Fee: $179.55
→ Click here to register

ITALIAN

Conversational Italian: Basic BI
Explore Italian language, culture, customs and daily life in this fun, introductory course.
Start date: September 14, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Conversational Italian: Basic B2
This is a continuation from the previous Italian course; explore Italian language, culture, customs and daily life in this fun, introductory course.
Start date: October 26, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

SPANISH

Intensive Spanish Program: Beginners B1 and B2
Learn Spanish to receive and transmit information, emotions, experiences and opinions.
Beginners B1
Start date: September 13, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Beginners B2
Start date: October 18, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Intensive Spanish Program: Intermediate IM1 and IM2
This is a continuation of Spanish Level I; learn Spanish to receive and transmit information, emotions, experiences and opinions.
Intermediate IM1
Start date: September 13, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Intermediate IM2
Start date: October 25, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

We want to hear from you!
Post a comment on our Instagram account.

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You must be 18 or older to register for our Languages and Cultural Studies courses.

Intensive Spanish Program: Advanced ADV1 and ADV2

This is a continuation of Spanish Level II; build on the Spanish vocabulary and grammar you have already acquired.

**Advanced ADV1**
Start date: September 13, 2021
Fee: $127
Early Bird Registration Fee: $114.30
→ Click here to register

**Advanced ADV2**
Start date: October 18, 2021
Fee: $127
Early Bird Registration Fee: $114.30
→ Click here to register

Conversational Spanish: Beginners B3

Learn to converse in everyday Spanish in a very quick and easy manner.

**Start date: September 7, 2021**
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Conversational Spanish: Beginners B4

This is a continuation of the B1 program; learn to converse in everyday Spanish in a very quick and easy manner.

**Start date: October 12, 2021**
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Conversational Spanish: Intermediate

Build upon concepts learned in Conversational Spanish I, with a more in-depth focus on grammar, oral exercises, dialogues, idioms and expressions.

**Intermediate IM1**
Start date: September 7, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

**Intermediate IM2**
Start date: October 12, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

Conversational Spanish: Advanced ADV1 and ADV2

Increase your fluency and comprehension of Spanish by integrating the use of complex language structures, and improve your ability to express more abstract concepts.

**Advanced ADV1**
Start date: September 7, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register

**Advanced ADV2**
Start date: October 12, 2021
Fee: $119
Early Bird Registration Fee: $107.10
→ Click here to register
Japanese for Intermediate IM6
Gain a level of understanding of basic Japanese (300 Kanji, 1,500 vocabulary words = 140 classroom hours).
Recommended: Completion of 6 levels of Japanese for Beginners and/or minimum of hiragana and katakana.
Start date: August 23, 2021
Fee: $59
Early Bird Registration Fee: $53.10
→ Click here to register

Japanese for Intermediate IM7
Gain a level of understanding of basic Japanese (300 Kanji, 1,500 vocabulary words = 140 classroom hours).
Recommended: Completion of 6 levels of Japanese for Beginners and/or minimum of hiragana and katakana.
Start date: August 23, 2021
Fee: $65
Early Bird Registration Fee: $58.50
→ Click here to register

My [transition] from face-to-face classes to online classes for my Japanese course has been seamless. Professor Yamamoto found a way to keep an engaging and friendly environment, [just as] we would have experienced in live classes, and made it accessible to everyone during these times.”

David D.
Former Languages student
Class attended: Japanese

Enrollment in our Japanese courses has more than doubled from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021. When you learn Japanese, you become proficient in the language and also enjoy some secondary benefits. For example, you gain an insider view of the culture: Understanding the Japanese work ethic, their business etiquette, and knowing which cultural faux pas to avoid can often make or break an important business deal.
Online Courses

All the following courses are offered online for ages 18 and older.

FRENCH

Beginning Conversational French
Learn correct French pronunciation using a logical, systematic method.
Start date: August 18, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: September 15, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: October 13, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: Anytime
Self-Paced Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

ITALIAN

Instant Italian
Learn to express yourself comfortably and communicate effectively in Italian in a wide variety of settings.
Start date: August 18, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $115
→ Click here to register

Start date: September 15, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $115
→ Click here to register

Start date: October 13, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $115
→ Click here to register

Start date: Anytime
Self-Paced Fee: $115
→ Click here to register

SIGN LANGUAGE

Discover Sign Language Series
Learn how to sign basic phrases and complete sentences and how to put it all together, so you can introduce yourself and start a conversation.
Start date: August 18, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $199
→ Click here to register

Start date: September 15, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $199
→ Click here to register

Start date: October 13, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $199
→ Click here to register

You must be 18 or older to register for our Languages and Cultural Studies courses.
Spanish for Law Enforcement
Master basic Spanish to be more effective in handling law enforcement situations involving Spanish-speaking victims, witnesses or criminals.

Start date: August 18, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: September 15, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: October 13, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: Anytime
Self-Paced Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Spanish in the Classroom
Learn essential Spanish for teachers and bridge the communication gap with your Spanish-speaking students and parents.

Start date: August 18, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: September 15, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: October 13, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: Anytime
Self-Paced Fee: $129
→ Click here to register

Spanish for Medical Professionals
Get the basic tools you need to bridge the communication gap with Spanish-speaking patients.

Start date: August 18, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: September 15, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Start date: October 13, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
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Start date: Anytime
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This course was the most organized and best presented course I have taken for studying Spanish. As a Law Enforcement Agent, this course was structured around daily conversation [and] communication. [I am] very happy with this course.”

A. D.
Former Participant
Class taken:
Spanish for Law Enforcement online
Speed Spanish
Learn Spanish quickly with the help of six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences.
Start date: June 16, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register
Start date: July 14, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register
Start date: August 18, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register
Start date: September 15, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $125
→ Click here to register
Start date: Anytime
Self-Paced Fee: $125
→ Click here to register

Speed Spanish II
Learn essential Spanish for teachers and bridge the communication gap with your Spanish-speaking students and parents.
Start date: August 18, 2021
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Start date: Anytime
Self-Paced Fee: $129
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Speed Spanish Series
Learn Spanish quickly with the help of six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences.
Start date: August 18, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $299
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→ Click here to register
Start date: October 13, 2021
Instructor-Led Fee: $299
→ Click here to register

When it comes to you, we’ve got you covered!

Professional and Public Programs is always looking to improve itself. We would like to hear from you and see how our Languages and Cultural Studies Fall/Winter courses are working for you.
Post a comment on our Facebook account.

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If you’re interested in teaching sign language or another existing language course, we’d love to hear from you!

Professional and Public Programs is looking for dedicated and passionate instructors to teach youth and adults in the community.

Make a difference and join our team of instructors!

To learn more about becoming a Professional and Public Programs instructor, call us at: 915-747-5142.
Socorro (Soco) began her career at UTEP in 2003 as a part-time customer service representative with PACE, which was the name of Professional and Public Programs at that time.

She was born and raised in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, and moved to El Paso in 1995. She holds a Bachelor in Business Administration with a Minor in Finance from the Instituto Tecnológico de Ciudad Juárez.

Soco strives to provide excellence through accessible programs that positively impact the well-being of the community. She is a current, active member of the UTEP Staff Council, and a proud mother of two children and several four-legged fur babies.

Favorite inspirational quote:
“You’re alive. That means you have infinite potential. You can do anything, make anything, dream anything.” – Neil Gaiman