



Program: General Purpose Program
Course: GPP Foreign Language 1
Level: Beginner
Length: 100+ units

Course Description

The General Purpose Program is for students who need to improve their language skills for general, social, or academic purposes. The instructor will tailor the course to meet your individual needs, and you will participate in stimulating and challenging conversations in order to help you speak and think in the target language. In this beginner course, you will learn to use the most common verb tenses and grammatical structures in order to meet basic communicative needs. You will also learn to express feeling and opinions and discuss common topics. Sample themes include at the hotel, food and drink, family, clothing, travel, the world around us, and weather.

Learner Outcomes

After completing GPP Foreign Language 1, students will be able to:

1. Speak using simple and polite phrases, short sentences, and basic questions to handle everyday communication needs, such as introductions, exchanging personal information, asking and giving directions, engaging in social activities, and ordering from a menu.
 - Construct questions and statements in both the affirmative and negative with the most common verbs
 - Can describe and compare people, places, things, and daily habits
 - Can tell time, share personal and biographical details, buy goods, and distinguish between past, present, and future
2. Listen to and understand someone speaking slowly and deliberately to express personal information, give instructions or directions to a nearby location, and discuss common topics that are familiar or unfamiliar.
 - Can generally understand speech in social situations where the present, past, and future are used, but frequently needs to have words or phrases repeated
3. Read and understand basic language commonly encountered in the environment to address immediate survival needs, such as menus, road signs, maps, advertisements, signs on buildings and store fronts, and bus routes or schedules.
 - Can comprehend short printed materials to get the main idea (travel brochures, magazines, memos)
4. Write a basic response on a given topic using simple sentences in the present, past, and future, a list of items to bring on vacation or to buy at the store, and a letter describing personal details to a friend.
 - Construct questions and statements in both the affirmative and negative with the most common verbs

Formal Assessment

The instructor will informally assess your progress in the language throughout the duration of the course.

Formal progress will be assessed with a testing instrument appropriate for the language (i.e., oral examination, written responses, multiple-choice responses, etc.).

Students who pass the test demonstrate that they have made the expected improvement in language proficiency and will advance to the next level. Students who fail to attain a passing score must repeat the current level before advancing to the next level.