Welcome to Online Refresher Spanish! This fully online, asynchronous course is intended for people who’ve had the equivalent of one college semester of Spanish. This is usually equivalent to at least 2 years of high school Spanish. The course is a review course, and thus moves at a comfortable pace without overwhelming students.

We use a traditional (paperback) textbook along with an online course support called “Supersite”, spending approximately two weeks on each Lesson. In addition to the two-week lessons we cover, we will also have an Orientation Week at the start of the semester to help you get set up with online learning and to orient you to the online classroom. For each lesson unit you will complete the following steps:

1. Study indicated textbook pages. (grammar & vocabulary)
2. Complete the online exercises (Supersite).
3. Participate in online (typed) discussion forums in the Blackboard classroom. This is your opportunity to practice what you have studied in more creative ways. The discussion forums are “Spanish only”.
4. Complete the online (oral) assignments via a tool called the Voiceboard. The Voiceboard is an oral online discussion forum where we (students and I) will leave messages (in Spanish) for each other. You will access the Voiceboards via the Supersite.
5. Complete the Lesson Test (Supersite).

As there is no weekly meeting time, this course takes place within the Blackboard course management system and follows a structure of due dates for assignments. On Blackboard you will find many resources you need for the course. Prior to the start of the semester I will send you a Student Manual that will explain in further detail how the course works.

As the instructor, I log into the classroom and interact with students by responding to their posts in both the oral and the written discussion forums. I provide grammar feedback on posts and I also interact with students in a more conversational manner in the discussion forums. All students are welcomed to visit me during my office hours if problems arise. I’m very present in our course and seek to support you fully!

Students tend to do well in the class, especially those who are:
1. Motivated/excited about Spanish
2. Organized
3. Able to work somewhat independently, able to complete assignments without the “looming” threat of having to attend a weekly, face-to-face class session.

Online courses require an extra level of self-discipline. For students who profess to be “procrastinators”, I normally discourage taking any type of online course.

Please feel free to email or stop by if you have any further questions about the course.

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