

PST-D588-01 Spanish for Pastoral Ministers

(2 credit hrs. per semester) at Aquinas Institute of Theology

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

October 1, 2013—December 12, 2013

A basic, introductory course in the Spanish language that includes a foundation of cultural awareness and competence for anyone involved in pastoral ministry, especially with those from Mexico and Latin American countries. Emphasis will be on understanding and speaking basic conversational Spanish.

To register, or for more information,
call **314.256.8807** or email: **admissions@ai.edu**

Course Overview

Our Text, *Experience Spanish*, was built from the ground up by thousands of instructors and students of introductory Spanish who participated in extensive research on developing a program that motivates university level students in developing their Spanish communication skills.

In addition to the text, *Experience Spanish* includes an innovative on-line tool called *Connect Plus* that allows students to reach higher levels of proficiency by guiding them through a web-based series of activities that not only incorporate structure and vocabulary but also a cultural component.

More vocabulary and activities related to sharing our faith inter-culturally and ministerially will be included second semester after some basic language skills have been formed.

By the completion of Pastoral Spanish I A, students will be able to express themselves in simple conversations using vocabulary for everyday use. They will be able to use the present and past tense of regular and irregular verbs. Emphasis will be on comprehension and speaking during the first two semesters but some reading and writing will be included.

Cultural components are integrated within every lesson so cultural awareness of Hispanic customs and influences will be understood.

The Connect Plus aspects of Experience Spanish will be useful for:

- e-book text and workbook on-line; additional resources
 - assignments, tests and quick assessment of proficiency
 - *Learn Smart* modules for additional practice (comprehension, speaking, reading and writing)
- Mundo Interactivo* – skills practiced while traveling and experiencing other cultures