



**Introducing Vista Academy:
An Interactive Spanish
Curriculum for Homeschool
Students Ages 12-18**

What is Vista Academy?

Vista Academy (VA) is a cutting-edge, virtual world language school that provides an innovative learning environment with native speaker oversight and instruction. VHL Central—the platform utilized for VA’s curriculum—was created specifically for online language learning, and is currently used by over 1.3 million students around the world.

You Don’t Have to be an Expert in Everything

One of the great benefits of homeschooling is the ability for parents to choose a learning pathway that best meets their child’s needs. In order to accommodate various learning styles and schedules, we have developed two learning tracks at VA: **¡Olé!** and **¡Bravo!**. Both are flexible, innovative courses for homeschoolers to build skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing in Spanish.

The foundation of both courses is the same: high quality curriculum in an online setting that provides real-time feedback on your child’s performance. What differentiates these models is the degree of flexibility and autonomy offered within each.

Experienced, native-speaker teachers guide all of our courses, and we have developed different levels of support to provide flexible learning for all students. More details are below to help you determine the best course of study for your child.

	¡Olé!	¡Bravo!
Online	✓	✓
Flexible Deadlines	✓	✓
Credit-Bearing Course	✓	✓
Customized Feedback	✓	✓
Personalized Learning	✓	✓
Native-Speaker Teachers	✓	✓
Print Textbook Included		✓
Live Zoom Sessions		✓
Interactive Group Work		✓
Office Hours		✓

Tuition and Fees for the 2021-2022 School Year

<i>¡Olé!</i>	<i>¡Bravo!</i>
\$700	\$950

Fall 2021 Start Dates

Cohort #1	August 16, 2021
Cohort #2	September 6, 2021
Cohort #3	October 4, 2021

The Vista Academy Curriculum

Vista Academy's college-prep curriculum provides the tools and strategies students need to achieve long-term success in Spanish-language learning. It is also based on [ACTFL's World Readiness Standards](#), national guidelines created to assess the proficiency of a foreign language speaker. These principles are blended with cutting-edge content and technology tailored specifically to building students' language and cultural competencies.

Who Are Our Teachers?

The VA teaching team is comprised of highly qualified, trained teachers who have extensive experience teaching Spanish in a variety of settings. In addition to their academic qualifications and general training, instructors successfully complete our specialized, rigorous Vista Academy Training Program. What makes our training unique is that it is the customized program that includes research-based, best practices related to online language instruction. This includes a combination of virtual teaching techniques, student engagement supports, academic remediation strategies, a customized learning platform, and much, much more!

Language learning is critical to success in the 21st century. Research shows that learning a second language boosts problem-solving, critical-thinking, listening skills, and has a direct impact on increased creativity, flexibility, and confidence. Language learning is linked to numerous other benefits such as:

- Increased knowledge about other cultures—otherwise known as *intercultural competence*. This coveted 21st-century skill will help your child function effectively across cultures, think and act appropriately, and communicate and work with people from different cultural backgrounds.
- Provides a new learning environment where students can master a new language and practice speaking with their instructor and peers.
- Gives parents and learning coaches a break from direct instruction in an extremely specialized content area.
- Adds to a homeschool transcript and student-skill portfolio for college and workforce readiness; employers are increasingly demanding multilingual, culturally competent employees.

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Vista Academy Course Description, 2021-2022 School Year

Vista Academy's curriculum is designed for beginning-level students with little or no previous knowledge of Spanish. Students are introduced to the vocabulary and grammar of the Spanish language while simultaneously developing their listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills. Students also are exposed to the rich culture of the Spanish-speaking world through authentic sources such as articles, videos, and TV commercials.

	Vocabulary	Grammar
Module 1	Greetings and goodbyes Identifying where one is from Courtesy expressions	Nouns and definite articles Numbers 0-30 Present tense of ser Telling time
Module 2	School-related vocabulary Names of academic courses Class schedules Days of the week	Present tense of regular -ar verbs Forming negative sentences The verb gustar Forming questions The present tense of estar Prepositions of location Numbers 31 and higher
Module 3	Vocabulary for family relationships Names of professions Surnames and families in the Spanish-speaking world	Descriptive adjectives Possessive adjectives The present tense of common regular -er and -ir verbs The present tense of tener and venir
Module 4	Names of sports and other pastimes Names of places in a city	Present tense of -ir The contraction al Ir a + [infinitive] Present tense of common stem-changing verbs Verbs with irregular yo forms
Module 5	Terms of traveling and vacations Seasons and months Weather expressions Ordinal numbers (1 st -10 th)	Estar with conditions and emotions Adjectives for conditions and emotions Present progressive of regular and irregular verbs Comparison of the uses of ser and estar Direct object pronouns Personal a
Module 6	Terms for shopping and clothing Colors	The verbs saber and conocer Indirect object pronouns Preterite tense of regular verbs Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns

By the end of the course, students will meet the following communicative goals in Spanish by learning how to:

Greet people	Express possession
Say goodbye	Talk about pastimes, weekend activities, and sports
Identify themselves and others	Make plans and invitations
Talk about the time of day	Discuss and plan a vacation
Talk about classes and homeschooling life	Describe a hotel
Discuss everyday activities	Talk about how they feel
Ask questions in Spanish	Talk about the seasons and weather
Describe the location of people and things	Talk about and describe clothing
Talk about family and friends	Express preferences in a store
Describe people and things	Negotiate and pay for items they buy

Materials Needed

Students will need a headset with a microphone. Students will also have access to an online and print textbook.

Technical Requirements

High-speed internet connection (350 Kbps) is recommended. For more information on the technical specifications for the course, please click [here](#).

Vista Academy's Learning Tracks

The **¡Olé!** learning track is completely asynchronous and self-paced. While VA's **¡Bravo!** learning track is also self-paced, it requires two weekly 30-minute meetings via Zoom, in addition to other interactive partner work. **¡Bravo!** students are required to install the Zoom desktop client for weekly class meetings. The curriculum for both learning tracks is accessible on a desktop, laptop, or mobile device.

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