

Spanish for Police Cadets



The police officers in the Fresno area interact with a linguistically and culturally diverse community. Many of these community members speak Spanish as a first language. While officers have access to translation services, such services can cause social distance between the officers and the community members. This program aims to help police cadets have a stronger connection to the community and make interactions more efficient.



The police cadets are an ideal population to pilot a Spanish for law enforcement program because their interactions with the community are determined by their training. This clearly establishes the type of language instruction needed.

Course Details

- Once a week, 3 hours a week for 6-12 weeks
- The classes utilizes the skills and knowledge that they already have
- The language that they are exposed to is focused on the language that they will hear and use.
- There is a heavy emphasis on listening comprehension.
- The overall focus of the course is to help the cadets become effective communicators in Spanish
- The program is responsive to the needs of each cohort.

