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FSI Programmatic Spanish, Level 2 (Re-mastered)



Synopsis

FSI Programmatic Spanish Level Two (Re-mastered). The original FSI Programmatic Spanish was developed by the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) of U.S. State Department. The U.S. Government has used this course for decades in order to teach Diplomats, CIA agents, FBI agents, and DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) agents how to speak Spanish. Learning Like Crazy has taken the original FSI Programmatic Spanish and re-mastered the recordings for enhanced digital sound quality. The textbook has been scanned and it is included on a pdf disk. As a bonus, when you order FSI Programmatic Spanish Level Two (Re-mastered), you also receive FSI Spanish Level 3 and FSI Spanish Level 4 by digital download.

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Customer Reviews

I have been a fan of for quite a while now but I have always resisted the temptation to write a review. That's until now. I have one whole bookshelf of Spanish courses and how-to-learn Spanish books. And in one of my closets, I have a box full of the same. Out of all the courses, only 3 or 4 of them have been actually helpful in teaching me how to speak Spanish. The others were courses that I do not regret buying because studying Spanish and evaluating different Spanish courses has grown into being a hobby of mine that I enjoy nearly as much as actually traveling to Latin America. Needless to say, FSI Programmatic Spanish is one of the courses that I know that really teaches you how to speak Spanish. But what separates this course from the other two or three courses that helped me speak Spanish is that this course also teaches you how to read and write Spanish, not just speak Spanish. I couldn't not imagine why anyone would want to speak Spanish

and not be able to read and write it. Or maybe that might work well with a young single man looking to pick-up Latin women. But for a 50-something year old (quickly approaching 60) who enjoys traveling with his wife as I do, the thought of being in Latin America with your wife and not being able to read what is written is far from a pleasant thought. That's probably the reason why FSI Programmatic Spanish is my favorite Spanish course. If you are looking for a course with a method that has been proven over decades, and a course that can hold its own with any of the newer courses that only teach you how to speak Spanish, but you also want a course that will teach you how to read and write Spanish, there's no need to search any further.

I have tried several courses for trying to learn the subjunctive mood. This is the only course that really does a thorough job teaching the subjunctive. You may be able to make yourself understand in Spanish without knowing the subjunctive. But you won't sound too educated saying "quiero que usted llame" when the correct way to say it is "quiero que usted llame." But like the other FSI courses, this one is also only for the serious student. If you are not serious about speaking Spanish fluently, stay away from this course and buy a Spanish phrase book for tourists for less than \$2. It's a big plus that you also get the full FSI Spanish 3 and FSI Spanish 4 courses by downloads as bonus gifts when you buy this course. I also thought it was a good idea for them to re-master the original FSI recordings with enhanced digital sound. After being spoiled with today's technology I'd hate to have to listen to the recordings in analog as opposed to stereo.

I really don't understand the wildly positive reviews for this product unless they are company plants. The audio quality is poor and there are no pauses to be able to repeat. The manual is also poor quality and full of stuff that seems to have no relation to what is happening on the tapes. Finding the matching section in the manual involves paging through numerous pages until you happen to stumble on the part you are looking for. No logical layout to any of it. If you have lots of patience and extra time to waste you could probably get some benefit from these, but there are much better products out there. I was thinking of trying the regular Learning Spanish Like Crazy Courses but now I'm reconsidering after seeing this mess.

I sent this product back because it arrived very damaged. The CD encasements were broken and most of the CDs were scratched. The CDs looked like burned copies of the program with an FSI Programmatic Spanish label stuck on top. The PDF "textbook" was hard to follow along with the CDs and overall is an inconvenient replacement for a hard copy of the actual textbook. I also felt

that it was overpriced, as I believe level 1 & 2 of the same program is actually available online because it's quite old. I cannot say that the program isn't effective being as I returned it, however I would recommend checking it out online at this website- [...] first to see if it's what you're looking for and to try to get a copy of the actual textbook.

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