



Spanish courses in Valencia

Experience the Mediterranean lifestyle

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ih International House Valencia



# Welcome

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Welcome to Españolé International House Valencia and to the Mediterranean lifestyle. Come and experience the real Valencia and learn Spanish in the heart of the city. Discover our culture and enjoy our sunshine, our endless beaches and our varied cuisine.

This brochure offers you a range of different options for both courses and accommodation. Get to know us better and try to imagine how much our students enjoy learning Spanish with us.

At our school you'll find a complete programme designed to help you achieve your objective: to communicate in Spanish.

We are keen to assist you with all aspects of your stay. The school has modern facilities that are perfectly located in the city centre and offers a wide range of courses given by extremely professional teachers. We take care of all accommodation arrangements and encourage our students to participate in the cultural activities we organise every week.

From the moment you arrive, to the day you return home, we will do our best to ensure you make the most of your stay.

**Come and experience it with us!**

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School Director

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Why  
choose  
us?

## An integrated learning experience

### A well-structured language programme

In our Spanish courses students get immersed in the Spanish language and culture, learn how people use the language in real life, how they speak to each other in the street and how they socialize. Students develop skills that they can immediately practise outside the classroom.

### International and friendly atmosphere

Our students come from a growing number of countries all with the aim of learning or improving their understanding of Spanish and the country's way of life. In the school you'll find an international and friendly atmosphere perfect to use your new language skills to make new friends.

### Spanish 24h

After class our social and cultural programme offers a wide range of activities to allow you to relax, speak Spanish, and to discover the true meaning of living the Spanish way.

### Spanish students

We also teach other languages to Spanish students organise language exchange activities. These are great fun and the perfect opportunity to make new Spanish friends.

### Quality assurance

We are proud to be part of International House World Organization (Ih) which has over 60 years' experience in improving quality in language teaching. We are also accredited by the Instituto Cervantes.



# The School

Españolé Ih Valencia is set in two unique buildings in the very heart of the bustling city centre, surrounded by elegant shops, historical sites and the energetic Spanish city life.



## Exceptional facilities

Two unique school buildings

Comfortable, air-conditioned and luminous classrooms

Interactive whiteboards and Ipads

Free WIFI

Big student's lounge

Computers with internet

Reading room

Terrace and garden



## Open after lessons



A modern school



Our 650-square-metre chalet has 12 modern, bright classrooms fully equipped with interactive whiteboards, a workshop classroom with facilities for our “Spanish cooking activities”, a big, modern students’ area complete with computers and WIFI, vending machines, a relaxing reading room with books and magazines, a terrace and a welcoming patio area with a small pond.



Our four story traditional building has 10 classrooms with interactive whiteboards, a library, a students’ area with computers, WIFI, vending machines and a wonderful roof terrace to relax under the sun. All of the classrooms are filled with natural light, have full air-conditioning facilities and are fully equipped for language lessons.





## Accreditations and quality marks



Affiliate member of  
**International House**

### International House

International House World Organisation (IHWO) with over 60 years' experience in improving quality in language teaching.

International House has 159 independent schools in 52 countries all over the world that teach over 20 languages.

Each school is independently owned and managed but is affiliated to IHWO. The school becomes part of the IHWO network and agrees to adhere to its rigorous quality management systems.

### The Cervantes Institute

The Cervantes Institute, a government agency, is the largest organization in the world responsible for promoting the study and the teaching of Spanish language and culture. Being an accredited centre means complying with its quality standards, which guarantee a high quality in the teaching of Spanish and of the complementary services and activities offered.

### University Jaume I

The public university Jaume I recognize our Spanish courses to be eligible for our students to obtain ECTS credits. Our students have the opportunity of getting an official accreditation from the Spanish courses studied in our school.



### ISO 14064

The ISO 14064 certification accredits us as a "Green school" committed to protecting the environment. We have introduced environmental management practices into all aspects of our business, oriented to reduce the consumption of paper and useless energy and resources. We care about the CO2 footprint and are aware of how we can help to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. We offer innovative and quality services while conserving and enhancing resources for current and future generations.



### Bildungsurlaub

The German Bildungsurlaub is an accredited programme in which German employees can take 5 days of educational leave (paid vacation) per year. We are recognized in several federal states.

### CSN

We are recognized by the National Agency for Higher Education in Sweden for the awarding of CSN grants to Swedish students taking a language course with us.





Why  
choose  
us?

## Academic excellence

### Practical language learning

Our method combines a traditional grammar approach with a more modern communicative focus. Great importance is placed on practising grammar in communicative contexts which reproduce situations you might come across everyday.

### Expert language tuition

All our teachers are highly qualified and experienced in teaching Spanish to speakers of other languages.

### Inspiring lessons

Communicative, motivational, interactive and enjoyable classes that will teach you how to use the language in real life.

### A course for every need

Wide range of courses: General Spanish, Spanish for Business, DELE exam preparation, Work and study, special summer programmes for teenagers... as well as many specialised courses.

## Get Credits

Our students can get ECTS credits from our Spanish courses. Our Spanish courses are recognized to be eligible to obtain ECTS credits that can be transferable to their home university. Our students can gain formal recognition from the Spanish courses studied in our school.



# Spanish courses



The objective of our courses is to help you express yourself more fluently in Spanish

## Your Spanish class

All classes are given in Spanish. In general the number of students per class is between 6 and 10 and each lesson lasts for 55 minutes. Since the groups are small in number, the teacher is able to deal with the specific needs of each student on a more personal basis.

The classes are based on tasks and planned depending on the students' needs and different styles of learning.

You will use a textbook in class, together with supplemental material such as newspaper/press articles, adverts, audio-visual materials, etc. The textbooks we use have been developed by International House teachers and cover all areas of the language.

The enrolment fee includes the first book and additional material. When you change from one level to another, you will need a new book which you can buy or borrow from the school library. The school library is for students use and provides additional reading or reference material.

## A cultural approach

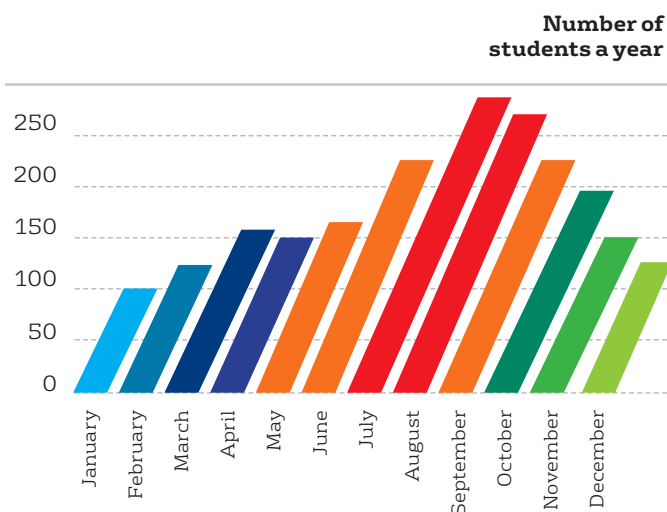
The programme also aims to integrate students into our culture. Visits to cultural centres, museums, other towns, etc. are arranged, in an attempt to ensure that all students are fully immersed in Spanish life.

## Our teachers

We have a dynamic team of teachers who love teaching Spanish. All of them are native Spanish speakers and university graduates. They have many years of experience and specialise in teaching foreign students. They use modern materials and methods and ensure that the lessons are interesting and entertaining.

The continued on-going development and training of teachers is a key feature of International House schools and our teachers are keen to stay up-to-date, incorporating new techniques and materials into their lessons whenever appropriate.

In addition to teaching Spanish in class, they will offer general support during your stay at the school so that you find learning Spanish a pleasant experience.





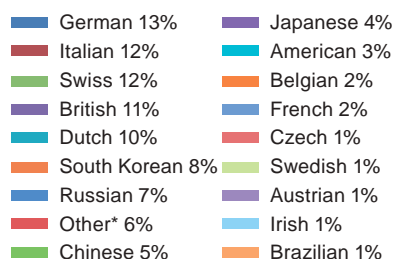
## Our students

Our students come from all over the world and have many different reasons for studying Spanish. Some of them are university students, other are professional people who need Spanish in their work, others learn Spanish just for fun, while others come to prepare for the official DELE exam.

In general our students fall between the ages of 18 and 40, but we also cater for students of other ages. This mix assures an interesting and international study atmosphere.



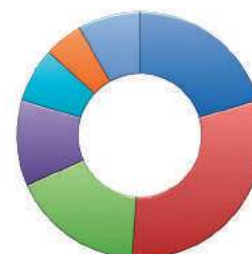
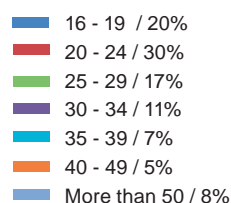
### Student's nationality



\* 57 nationalities



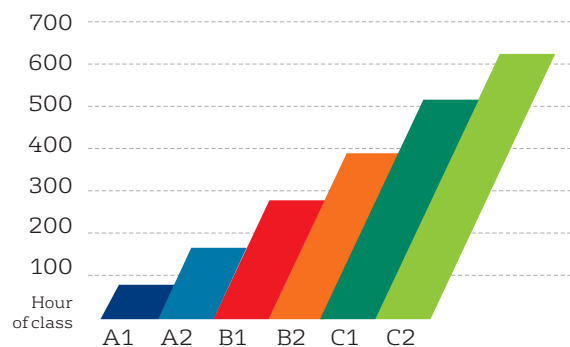
### Student's ages



## Levels

The courses are divided up into 6 different levels: from beginner to superior, based on the Cervantes Institute programme, under the directives of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

No matter what your level of Spanish is, we will always find a class that is suitable for you.



### A1 - Beginners level

Students can deal with simple straightforward exchanges in familiar contexts. They can usually understand enough to keep a very basic conversation going.

### A2 - Pre-Intermediate level

Students can understand and express information about the present, past and future. They can deal with most situations involved in travelling around a Spanish speaking country, including communicating most personal and everyday information.

### B1 - Intermediate level

Students can comfortably interact with native speakers. They can participate in discussions and express their viewpoints in familiar contexts. They can describe experiences in their past as well as explain and give reasons for their plans, desires and ambitions for the future.

### B2 - Upper-intermediate level

Students can express their ideas on general topics clearly in both the spoken and written form. They are familiar with and can competently use more complex structures and have a good level of fluency and broader vocabulary including some idiomatic expressions.

### C1 - Advanced level

Students are capable of understanding most lectures, discussions and debates. They are able to develop a well-structured argument with supporting evidence and explanations in oral and written form. Students have broadened their general language capability and vocabulary to feel comfortable operating effectively in social, academic and professional spheres.

### C2 - Superior level

Students have a high level of written and spoken Spanish. They can participate easily in discussions and write well-structured compositions even in complex, unfamiliar situations. They can give clear presentations on complex issues, integrating sub themes and developing particular points.

# General Spanish

## Intensive 20

Start of course

**Every Monday (except for beginners. Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list)**

Nº of lessons per week

**20 general Spanish lessons**

Length of the course

**From 1 to 36 weeks**

Levels

**From absolute beginners to superior (A1 to C2)**

Nº of students per class

**Maximum 10, average 6**

Timetable

**Mornings or afternoons**

**9:30-13:30 or 14:30-18:30 (subject to change)**

This course is designed for students who wish to learn the language, make friends and have free time to participate in Spanish culture and life. The main objective is to enable students to learn to communicate in Spanish as soon as possible, in order to cope with everyday situations.

There are 4 lessons per day, during the morning or afternoon, lasting from one week upwards.

*New*

## Intensive 25

Start of course

**Every Monday (except for beginners. Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list)**

Nº of lessons per week

**20 general Spanish + 5 Spanish life and culture or 5 grammar skills lessons**

Length of the course

**From 1 to 36 weeks**

Levels

**From absolute beginners to superior (A1 to C2)**

Nº of students per class

**Maximum 10, average 6**

Timetable

**Mornings or afternoons**

**9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to change)**

You can add one lesson per day to your Intensive 20 course. You can choose between a conversational lesson about "Spanish life and culture" or a more structured lesson to review and reinforce your "Grammar skills".

**A course  
for every  
need**

## Intensive Plus

Start of course

**Every Monday (except for beginners. Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list)**

Nº of lessons per week

**20 general Spanish + 5 private lessons**

Length of the course

**From 1 to 36 weeks**

Levels

**From absolute beginners to superior (A1 to C2)**

Nº of students per class

**Group lessons maximum 10, average 6**

**Private lessons 1**

Timetable

**Mornings or afternoons**

**9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to change)**

**Private lessons: to be agreed**

This course is a combination of the Intensive 20 plus private lessons. There are 5 lessons per day, 4 in a group and 1 private. The private ones can be adapted to the needs of each student, so they can study areas in which they are most interested.

## Superintensive

Start of course

**Every Monday (except for beginners. Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list)**

Nº of lessons per week

**20 general Spanish + 5 Spanish life and culture or 5 grammar skills lessons + 5 private lessons**

Length of the course

**From 1 to 36 weeks**

Levels

**From absolute beginners to superior (A1 to C2)**

Nº of students per class

**Group lessons maximum 10, average 6**

**Private lessons 1**

Timetable

**Mornings or afternoons**

**9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to change)**

**Private lessons: to be agreed**

This course is designed for students who wish to develop their communication and linguistic skills in a very intensive course. It is a combination of the Intensive 25 course and private lessons. There are 6 lessons per day, 5 in a group and 1 private. The private lessons are intended to deal with the specific needs of each student.

**New** ▶ **Intensive 30**

Start of course

**Every Monday (except for beginners. Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list)**

N° of lessons per week

**20 general Spanish lessons + 5 Spanish life and culture + 5 grammar skills lessons**

Length of the course

**From 1 to 36 weeks**

Levels

**From absolute beginners to superior (A1 to C2)**

N° of students per class

**Group lessons maximum 10, average 6**

Timetable

**Mornings or afternoons**
**8:30-14:30 or 13:30-19:30 (subject to change)**

This course is a combination of the Intensive 20 plus Spanish life and culture and grammar skills lessons. There are 6 lessons per day.

 ▶ **Long term**

Start of course

**Every Monday (except for beginners. Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list)**

N° of lessons per week

**20 general Spanish lessons**

Length of the course

**From 12 to 40 weeks**

Levels

**From absolute beginners to superior (A1 to C2)**

N° of students per class

**Maximum 10, average 6**

Timetable

**Mornings or afternoons**
**9:30-13:30 or 14:30-18:30 (subject to change)**

This programme is designed for students who wish to study for at least 12 weeks, and who also wish to experience Spanish lifestyle and culture. There are 4 lessons a day, in the morning or in the afternoon.

 ▶ **One to one**

Start of course

**Every Monday**

N° of lessons per week

**From 1**

Length of the course

**From 1 to 36 weeks**

Levels

**From absolute beginners to superior (A1 to C2)**

N° of students per class

**1 (there is also the option of 2 students: One to two)**

Timetable

**To be agreed**

Private lessons are available for any level, and the course programme is specially adapted to each student's needs.



*"Cada clase es diferente,  
nunca dejas de aprender  
cosas nuevas"*

**#miexperienciaEspañole**

# Exam preparation

## ▶ DELE



Start of course

**Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list**

Nº of lessons per week

**20 general Spanish lessons + 10 DELE preparation lessons**

Length of the course

**From 1 to 4 weeks**

Levels

**From absolute beginners to superior (A1 to C2)**

Nº of students per class

**General Spanish: Maximum 10, average 6**

**DELE: Maximum 8, average 5**

Timetable

**General Spanish: 9:30-14:30**

**DELE: 14:35-16:25**

This course is specially designed to prepare students for the internationally-recognised DELE exams organised by the Cervantes Institute.

These are official certificates accrediting the student's command of the Spanish language.

There are five exam sessions per year: April, May, July, October and November. We are an official exam centre for DELE exams. Students will take the exam in our school.

The examinations are offered at **six different levels** which meet the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

> A1 - A2 - B1 - B2 - C1 - C2

## ▶ Chamber of Commerce

Start of course

**Same as beginners. (Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list)**

Nº of lessons per week

**20 general Spanish + 5 lessons to prepare students for the exam**

Length of the course

**From 1 to 6 weeks**

Levels

**From intermediate to superior (B1 to C2)**

Nº of students per class

**Maximum 10, average 4**

Timetable

**Mornings or afternoons.**

**9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to change)**

This course is designed to prepare students for the Madrid Chamber of Commerce Exam, which evaluates the student's knowledge of business Spanish and is organised in collaboration with the University of Alcalá.

The certificate is internationally recognised, especially in the business sector, and enables students to become familiar with technical and practical terminology in all fields of business.

The Official Chamber of Commerce offers three types of exams, each of which has a different level:

- > **Basic Certificate in Business Spanish**
- > **Advanced Certificate in Business Spanish**
- > **Diploma in Business Spanish**



*“En las clases te das cuenta de que se puede aprender disfrutando. ¡Espero volver pronto!”*

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## University entrance preparation course

This course is designed for foreign students who wish to complete a university degree in Spain. To achieve this, they must first pass an entry exam known as “PAU” (Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad) or “Selectividad”.

The preparation courses for PAU are tailored to each individual student; it is a fast and easy way to gain access and it doesn't matter what your level or capabilities are.

Start of course

**October or January**

Course includes

**20 weekly classes: 15 exam preparation classes + 3 English classes + 2 Spanish classes**

**Help with the university admission process** (Paperwork costs and other university expenses are not included).

Length of the course

**30 or 20 weeks respectively**

Level of Spanish

**You need to have a minimum level of B1 in Spanish** (as requested by the Common European Framework of Reference for languages).

**If you like you can do an intensive Spanish course with us before the PAU preparation course starts.**

Timetable

**Monday to Friday (morning or afternoon)**



Study  
in a  
Spanish  
university

### Who is this course for?

Intended for students from foreign educational systems (with which Spain has homologation agreements making their qualifications compatible), who have completed upper secondary school up to the Spanish Bachillerato level (pre-university course) in their countries.

### What is the exam?

The university entrance exams (PAU) evaluate the academic maturity of students and check that they have acquired the necessary knowledge of upper-secondary education (Spanish Bachillerato). When passing the exams, students can access higher education in Spain.

The PAU exams have two phases, one obligatory and the second one voluntary. They include the subjects studied in upper-secondary school.

### When is the exam?

Every year there are two dates in which you can do the PAU (University Entry Exam).



**IC**  
 Instituto Cervantes  
 Centro Acreditado

# Work and study

## Internships

This programme combines an intensive Spanish course with an internship in a company in or near Valencia. Before starting the work experience, you will have to attend a Spanish course of at least 2 weeks.

Age

**Between 17 and 30 years old**

Spanish requirements

**B1 level or more**

Length of the programme

**3 months, although in some cases we can arrange different periods**

In  
Spanish  
companies

### What is this programme for?

Working in a foreign company is a very rewarding experience. As well as giving you the chance to practise Spanish, you can learn the language specific to your job. The internship is considered to be a training programme, so it is unpaid.

We also organize funded internship programs such as Leonardo Da Vinci and PON.

### Who is this course for?

It is aimed for foreign college and university students or recent graduates who want to gain experience in a Spanish company and also enjoy Spain's exciting life and culture.

### What has to be done before starting this programme?

When a student enrolls he/she will need to provide us with a complete CV, a recent photograph and a motivation letter indicating their reasons for joining the programme. They must also select which sector of industry and duties they would like to develop.

Interested students should apply a minimum of three months in advance of their preferred starting date. This will provide enough time to find a suitable company.

### Which working fields?

We offer internships in different areas. Students can select the one that best suits their interests. When choosing, it's important to understand that the aim of the programme is for students to get to know the Spanish working environment. Normally the interns aren't given major responsibilities, but the firms do their best to teach them about the sector and help develop their communication skills in a Spanish working context:

- Administration and finance
- Arts and restoration
- Computing and IT
- Commerce and finance
- Customer care
- Education and teaching
- Engineering, Architecture, and Industrial areas
- Information Media and Communications
- Hotels and restaurants
- Marketing and media PR
- Retail stores
- Social Sciences
- Tourism

## All work & study programmes

Starting dates

**Every Monday (except for beginners. Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list)**

Note

**You will have to attend a Spanish course of at least 2 weeks not included in the placement fee**



## Volunteer

This programme combines a Spanish course with volunteering in Valencia. It's the perfect way to learn Spanish, develop social skills, get to know the Spanish culture and have fun at the same time.

There are many types of projects available: educational and cultural, social, environmental and health care related... you can choose the area that most interests you. The volunteer work has to be combined with an intensive Spanish course of at least two weeks (it can be taken at the same time as the voluntary work).

Age

**From 18 years old (some placements require 18 y.o.)**

Spanish requirements

**Basic level (speak using simple vocabulary and phrases)**

Length of the programme

**From 2 to 24 weeks**

### Who is this course for?

All people who want to cooperate in environmental and local community projects in the Valencia region can apply. Volunteers must be 18 years or older and should be fit and physically prepared to work in the open environment.

### What kind of volunteer work do we offer?

- Teaching English, maths, sports... to children.
- Helping disabled people.
- Helping to protect the Mediterranean Sea on the coast of Valencia.
- Improving good practice for responsible tourism.
- Fire prevention for the Valencian community mountains.
- Conservation project in the Albufera Natural Park.

### How to book this programme?

Interested students need to submit a letter either in Spanish or in English explaining the types of projects they would like to do, and giving information related to their studies and previous volunteer work, if applicable. We would need at least six weeks to arrange the placement.

## Demi pair

Here we offer a wonderful opportunity for students to fully immerse themselves in Spanish life. Students are welcomed into the homes of our Spanish hosts as a member of the family. In return they assist with childcare, help with light housework and teach the children of the house their native language or English.

Normally Spanish families invite a foreign student to live with them because they want their children to learn and practice a second language. However they fully understand that the aim of the programme for the Demi pair is to learn and practice Spanish. In order to do this, they will make sure there's a lot of Spanish speaking time. The normal routine is for the Demi pair to speak English or another language with the children and Spanish with the parents.

Age

**Between 18 and 30 years old**

Length of the programme

**From 1 (only available in summer) to 12 months**

Full  
immersion

### Spanish lessons

Normally the Spanish lessons are in the morning and the working time is in the afternoon and evening.

You have to take an Intensive Spanish course of at least 2 weeks at the beginning of the programme, although we strongly recommend that you extend your studies of Spanish throughout the entire length of your stay.

### Working hours

Demi pairs will work 20 hours per week plus one night babysitting.

Free days: Two full free days per week (either during the week or at the weekend but at least once a month a Sunday will be free).

### Accommodation and pocket money

Demi pairs will have their own bedroom and will be given full board and some pocket money in return for their help in the house.

### How to book a Demi pair programme

When a student decides to take part in this programme, he/she has to send us the completed application form with the required documents. Then we will start looking for the most suitable family.

Once we have selected the family (normally about a month before the starting), we will send the details to the Demi pair, so they can get in touch and plan everything before their arrival!

# Special courses

## Spanish for Business

Start of course

**Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list**

Nº of lessons per week

**20 general + 5 business Spanish lessons**

Length of the course

**From 1 to 6 weeks**

Levels

**From intermediate to superior (B1 to C2)**

Nº of students per class

**General: maximum of 10, average 6**

**Business: Mini group maximum of 4**

Timetable

**Mornings or afternoons**

**9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to change)**

This course is designed for students and professionals who are interested in the world of business in Spanish-speaking countries.

Students study specific language and linguistic structures used in business. There are 5 lessons per day.

## Spanish in different cities

We offer students the opportunity to combine periods of study in two or more of our teaching centres in Spain. This is a great way to get to know some of the regions of Spain while following a co-ordinated study programme. International House Spain offers a choice of seven destinations spread across the whole country.

You can study in Barcelona, Madrid, San Sebastián, Valencia, Sevilla, Cádiz and Palma de Mallorca.



## Spanish course for non-native teachers

Start of course

**Please check starting dates in the "Dates and fees" list**

Nº of lessons per week

**20 lessons**

Length of the course

**2 weeks**

Levels

**From Upper Intermediate (B2)**

Nº of students per class

**Maximum of 10, average 6**

Timetable

**Mornings or afternoons**

**9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to change)**

The course combines elements of the language and Spanish culture together with methodology and practice.

Those taking part in our teacher-training courses will have access to practical and effective training in order to teach Spanish to foreign students. In addition, they will have the chance to meet colleagues from other countries, and therefore cultural interchange and networking make up an important part of the programme of study.

Our trainers have many years of experience and are truly experts in the teaching of second languages and in the creation of specialised materials.

We also provide intensive, four-week teacher training courses and online programs accredited by the University of Barcelona.

### Course Structure

Revision of grammar topics.

How to teach grammar to students.

Spanish culture: literature, art and history.

Methodology: how to teach in a practical way.

Common mistakes made by foreign students of Spanish and how to deal with them.

New technology in the Spanish classroom.

**For  
Spanish  
teachers**



# Spanish and sailing



**Summer**  
Programme

Start of course

**Spanish: check starting days of selected course.**

**Sailing: every Monday from June to September**

Nº of lessons per week

**6 sailing lessons**

Length of the course

**Spanish: from 1 to 36 weeks**

**Sailing: from 1 to 6 weeks**

Levels

**From absolute beginners to superior (A1 to C2)**

Nº of students per class

**Spanish: maximum of 10, average 6**

**Sailing: Mini group maximum of 5**

Timetable

**Spanish: 9:30-13:30 or 14:30-18:30 (subject to changes).**

**Sailing: Two days a week (days depending on weather) 10:00-13:00 or 15:30-18:30 (subject to change)**

Renowned as an international centre for sailing, Valencia was also home to the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup. This course is aimed at all levels, from the absolute beginner to the experienced sailor. You will receive expert tuition, navigate and race in our boat "Españole" which is a Beneteau Platu 25 based in Valencia Yacht Base.

During the course you will be given a solid grounding in boat handling, meteorology, seamanship, safety at sea, nautical terms, rope work, sail handling, rules of the road, helmsmanship and general duties above and below deck.



You  
and the  
sea



## Other programmes

### Teenagers

Our Teen programme is designed for youngsters aged between 14 and 17 with all levels of Spanish. We expertly combine our lessons in small, caring classes with cultural and leisure activities.

### Group programmes

We offer Spanish courses for school groups throughout the academic year and during the school holidays that are custom-made to respond to their individual needs and requirements.

### Family programmes

Our family language programmes are specifically designed to fit the lifestyle and requirements of each individual family.

They are flexible and fun, and can be tailor-made to create the perfect holiday experience.

Ask for  
brochure





## A day in the life of Rick

Why  
choose  
us?



### 09:00 Walk to school

Although the public transport works very well in Valencia, I prefer walking to school. I love to walk through beautiful parks and streets on my way to school.



### 09:30 Spanish classes

All groups have two teachers. One of them teaches from 9:30 until 11:15 and another one from 11:30 until 13:30. The teachers teach us Spanish in a fun way and are always helpful. Because there are students from different cultures in my class, I learn a lot about other cultures too.



### 14:00 Lunch

The teachers don't only help me with my Spanish, but they also tell me about the nicest places in Valencia. After school, my friends and I like to visit the restaurants they recommended for lunch. I love Spanish food like paella and pinchos, but of course Valencia has a lot more to offer.



### 16:30 Homework

The homework we get helps us practicing our Spanish after class. The next day at school the teacher will look at our homework with us and we can see what we have to improve.



### 18:30 Afternoon activity

The school has an activity schedule with lots of fun activities for almost every day of the week. The activities are not obligatory, but I would recommend you to participate in all of them! It is a great way to get to know other students, make new friends and practice your Spanish.



### 20:30 Life in the shared apartment

I live in a student apartment about 25 minutes away from the school by foot. I have my own room and I share the apartment with a boy from Germany and a girl from Italy. We can chat for hours... all in Spanish! I'm sure we'll always stay in touch, and we plan to meet again one day in the beautiful Valencia.



### 21:30 Valencia at night

There is always something happening in Valencia! On school days I like to go to the cinema, concerts or city centre with my friends. The school also organizes activities in the evening like a tour or a flamenco concert. Valencia has a great nightlife scene, which I love to enjoy in the weekend. Having a drink at the famous L' Umbracle club in the city of Arts and Sciences and joining the local parties are things you have to experience!



# A comfortable place to stay



## Your accommodation

We take care of your accommodation. You can choose among living with a welcoming and friendly Spanish family, in a shared or private apartment or in a well-situated residence.

## Valencia, an exciting destination on the Mediterranean coast

We are proud to say that Valencia is a city with something to suit all tastes. You'll discover a modern city brimming with culture and history, fabulous beaches and a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.



# Accommodation



In order to feel comfortable and relaxed during your stay it is essential that you are satisfied with your accommodation arrangements.



The accommodation is available between 2:00 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the first day of the course (Monday) until 12:00 p.m. on the Saturday following the last day of class (Friday).

Extra nights might be available at the published prices.

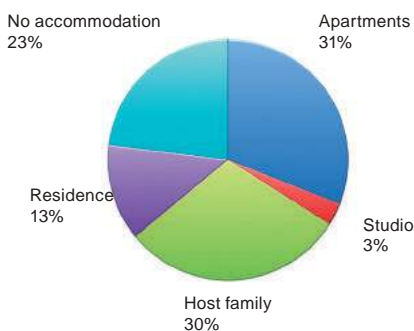
> **CHECK IN TIME:**

**Sunday after 2:00 p.m.**

> **CHECK OUT TIME:**

**Saturday before 12:00 p.m.**

What type of accommodation do our students choose?



For this reason we attach significant importance to ensuring that the quality we provide is of a good standard. We select our host families with the utmost care, ensure that our shared apartments and studios are maintained in a good condition and provide general support for students with matters regarding their accommodation.

## Shared apartments

This type of accommodation gives you the chance to **live with students from other countries**. Each apartment has three or four bedrooms and one or two shared bathrooms.

All apartments have a fully-equipped kitchen, a lounge with TV, a washing machine and an iron. The school provides bed linen, but not towels. Moderate electricity, gas and water expenses are included. The school is in charge of maintaining the apartment.

The common areas are cleaned every two weeks, but otherwise it is the students' duty to keep the apartment clean. The apartments are located no more than 20 minutes away from the school by public transport.



## Studios

Our studios are located **in the city centre within a walking distance to the school**. They have a lounge with a sofa bed or separate beds, a kitchenette and a bathroom. They are either for single or double use. The accommodation includes bed linen, towels and blankets, access to a fully equipped kitchen and laundry, moderate electricity, gas and water expenses, and cleaning of the common areas every week.



## Host families

Living with a Spanish family is the best way to become familiar with the Spanish lifestyle, get to know Spanish customs and practise the language.

We select our families carefully so that our students feel completely at ease with them. Don't expect the host family houses to be luxurious, but they are comfortable and hospitable. Most of the families live near the school, the maximum distance from the school to the host is 20 minutes by public transport. Students are lodged in single or double rooms and can choose from three types of board (breakfast, half board or full board). Weekly laundry and cleaning is included. You will have your own keys to come and go as you wish, but you must respect some basic rules and schedules, especially for mealtimes.



An accommodation option for every taste

## Hall of residence

We also offer accommodation in student halls of residence. The residence is located in the university campus and there is good transport to and from the school. There are single or double rooms, each room with its own private bathroom, telephone, hot and cold air-conditioning and personal study space.

The residence has common areas, a TV lounge, 24-hour reception service, a coffee bar, internet access and a dining room. There is a common kitchen for students. If you prefer you can also have your meals in the residence canteen. Breakfast, half board and full board can be arranged. Cleaning once a week, towels and sheets are included.

In summer we also offer accommodation in a residence in the city centre, just 15 minutes walk from the school. It has 80 single rooms with private bathroom and comfortable common rooms for students.



## Hotels and hostels

If you prefer this type of accommodation, we can help you to make a booking and give you advice on the best options.

## Types of accommodation

Accommodation Year Round	Shared apartment	Host family	Private Studio	Residence	Summer residence
Location	Residential area	Residential area	City Centre	University area	City Centre
Travel time to school	Around 20 minutes (average 10) by bus or metro	Around 20 minutes (average 10) by bus or metro	Between 10 and 20 minutes on foot	Between 25-30 minutes by bus or metro	Around 15 minutes walking
Meals	Self-catering	B&B, half board and full board	Self-catering	Self catering, B&B, half board and full board	Self catering, B&B, half board and full board
How many students?	1 to 6	1 to 4	1 to 3	400	70
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Single Room	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	No
Double Room	Fully equipped kitchen with washing machine. TV.	Bedroom with wardrobe. Study desk and chair.	Fully equipped kitchen with microwave and washing machine. Internet.	En-suite room with wardrobe, desk and chair. Telephone and Internet.	En-suite room with wardrobe, desk and chair. Telephone and Internet.
Facilities	Shared bathroom. Bed linen.	Shared bathroom. Bed linen and towels.	TV and air-conditioning. Bed linen and towels.	Air-conditioning. Canteen for meals. Bed linen and towels.	Canteen for meals. Bed linen and towels.
Cleaning	Every 2 weeks	Every week	Every week	Every week	Every week

\* Only available for students coming together

## Social programme

The programme of activities and excursions will help you to discover Spanish culture, the friendly attitude of the Spanish and the festive atmosphere of our city.

It is the ideal complement to a Spanish course and gives you the chance to practise Spanish in everyday situations, find out what Spain and its culture are like and get to know its people.

Valencia also offers many opportunities to practise your favourite sports. Near the school there are sports facilities where you can play tennis, basketball, football, squash, or do aerobics, fitness training, or step classes.

We organize many activities every month, most of them are free (there are at least four activities per week totally free) and many others are available at a very low price.

**FREE**  
activities

*“If you haven’t got a plan after the class, the school helps you! Just look at the activity plan of the week and experience a lot of cool stuff.”*

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**Hola,**

my name is **Diana** and I'm in charge of organizing activities and excursions for our students.

My job is to make sure you enjoy your stay with us, discover Valencia and its culture and traditions, while you meet other students from the school and make local friends. We will have a lot of fun together in our dancing lessons, cooking workshops, excursions, tours, conversation exchange nights... and much more!

See you soon...

## Join our team and our international students to continue enjoying Valencia after lessons!

- > City tour
- > Welcome Party
- > Picnic on the beach
- > Visit to museums
- > Shopping
- > Film Club
- > Dancing lessons
- > Tapas tour
- > Sailing
- > Paella Party
- > Volleyball on the beach
- > Students' Dinner
- > Visit to the City of Arts & Sciences
- > Visit to the old town
- > Sports competitions
- > Conversation exchanges
- > Cultural Workshops
- > Barbecue parties

## This is an example of a weekly programme

- Free activity
- Extra charge

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
City tour and Welcome party		"Intercambio" Conversation exchanges	Visit to a museum or Salsa lessons	Students' dinner	Full day excursion to Xàtiva
	Cooking workshop "Paella"				



# Could you imagine a better place to learn Spanish?





Why  
choose  
us?

## What students say about us...



### Simone Schmatz from Germany

¡Hola! Me llamo Simone y soy alemana. Estuve en la escuela casi 3 meses. Fue un tiempo muy bueno para mí. La escuela me gustó mucho y los profesores son muy simpáticos. Las clases eran divertidas y aprendí mucho. Mi nivel de español ha mejorado bastante. Además, cuando tenía una pregunta o un problema siempre me ayudaba alguien.



### Natálie Šimová from the Czech Republic

Un ambiente fantástico, gente agradable y una ciudad totalmente mágica en la que todo el mundo encuentra algo. Para mí, Valencia es uno de los lugares más hermosos de España y nunca deja de sorprenderme con algo nuevo. En lo que se refiere a la escuela, estoy muy contenta con la enseñanza y las actividades complementarias que han difundido el conocimiento no sólo de las ciudades, sino también de las tradiciones y culturas españolas.



### Andrew Bob Fitzpatrick from Australia

¡Hola, chicos! ¡Yo os echo mucho de menos! Quiero volver a España muy pronto, pero Valencia está muy lejos de Australia. Además todavía no me ha tocado la lotería. Nadie aquí habla español, así que ya he olvidado mucho. Yo creo que tengo que matricularme en la escuela otra vez. ¡Tengo muchas ganas! A mis sobrinas les encanta bailar con los trajes de flamenco, ¡están preciosas! ¡Los profesores de IH Valencia son los mejores del mundo! ¡Nunca os olvidaré!



### Patrick Stulz from Switzerland

¡La escuela es genial! Los profesores son muy amables, simpáticos, etc. (creo que no hay suficientes adjetivos positivos para describirlos). Todo el equipo de IH Valencia hace un trabajo fenomenal. Las actividades ofrecidas son muy interesantes y variadas. Cualquiera puede encontrar una actividad que se corresponda con sus gustos. ¡Lo disfruté a tope y os echaré de menos!



### Benedetto D'Alfonso from Italy

La escuela es maravillosa. Todo el mundo trabaja y siempre están sonriendo. La atención que recibes es buena y la solución de problemas es inmediata, el ambiente de felicidad y la gran variedad de actividades que se ofrecen, hacen que quieras volver a repetir la experiencia.

¡Gracias a todos por hacerme sentir como en una familia!



### Michal Grzemski from Polonia

Teachers are super nice, open-minded and really willing to help with any problems. They are very patient in explaining all grammar rules, etc. All classes are in Spanish, which may be hard at the beginning, but with time it's easier and helps to study. I feel like I made a big progress with my Spanish, but the most important thing, I feel more comfortable in speaking Spanish, which was the main reason to come to Valencia.

# Valencia



A  
modern  
city

It's a truly beautiful Mediterranean city which enjoys a mild temperate climate and offers a wealth of gastronomic delights, festivals and cultural events. Here you will see how important historical traditions and recent innovative architecture stand side by side. In the last two decades Valencia has undergone an amazing transformation which has to be seen to be believed.



Valencia is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city with about 800,000 inhabitants enjoying its majestic buildings and wonderful scenery.

## What to see?



**The Lonja:** one of the best examples of Gothic civil architecture in Europe. It enjoys Patrimony of the Humanity (UNESCO).



**The Central Market:** each of its three gates not to be missed. This colourful, bustling lively market, in a beautiful modernist building, will entice you to buy far more than you intended to.



**The Cathedral:** each of its three gates has a different style: Baroque, Gothic and Romanesque. From its bell tower, El Miguelete, you can enjoy amazing views over the city.



**The Virgin Square:** which sits on the site that was once the Roman forum.



**The Serrano Towers:** considered to be the largest Gothic city gateway in all of Europe.



**The Fine Arts Museum San Pio V:** one of the most outstanding painting archives in Spain.



**The National Ceramics Museum Gonzalez Marti:** housed in a palace from the 15<sup>th</sup> century and refurbished in 1740 in rococo.



**The City of Arts and Sciences:** this amazing complex includes five buildings which are breath-taking at first sight. They are simply incredible.

## What to do?

- Practice sports in the city parks: Valencia is not only a city of culture but also a city with beautiful parks, gardens and relaxing recreational areas. The old riverbed has been converted into a 9 km park, which crosses the city, and it's perfect for all kinds of activities such as cycling, jogging and skating.
- Enjoy Valencia gastronomy and nightlife: the city offers a wide variety of "tapas" bars and restaurants with delicious Valencian cuisine such as the famous "paella". Valencia is famous for its nightlife. There are many lively areas and places to go to suit all tastes and styles.
- Relax on the beach: never ending days of sunshine with perfect temperatures ensure that the beach is a lively and interesting place most of the year. Wide and open with fine golden sand, it is very popular both for sunbathing and for the vast array of restaurants and cafés along the waterfront promenade.
- Live traditions and festivals: the most popular festival in Valencia takes place in March. It's called "Las Fallas" and for five days fireworks can be seen and heard all over the city. The sound of band music and the impressive "mascletas" turn the city into a place to behold: a complete transformation that precedes spring every year.
- Enjoy the city events: Valencia is known all over the world for its international events: the final round of the Moto GP, the open tennis tournament and much more. For each of these events the city opens its arms and hearts to the thousands of tourists who arrive to be entertained each year.

And all this, together with more than 300 days of sunshine per year and people who are open-minded and friendly, make Valencia the ideal place in which to spend a memorable study holiday.

# Your arrival

If you have booked your accommodation with us, we will send you the complete details and information on how to get to your accommodation at least two weeks before your arrival.

## Transfer Service

We can arrange your transfer on arrival at Valencia airport, train or bus station and also your departure. To guarantee the transfer we need to know your arrival details (date, time, place, and flight number) at least two days before arrival.

## How to get to Valencia



### By plane

Valencia has an international airport located about 8 km from the city. Flights from the main cities of Spain and Europe land here. Moreover, Valencia has connecting flights with Madrid and Barcelona for destinations all over the world. The airport is easily reached by bus and metro from the city centre.



### By bus

The central bus station is located in the West zone of the city. It has lines connecting the main Spanish and European cities. From the central station, the best way to access other points in the city is by bus or underground.



### By train

Trains coming from all over the country stop at the "Estación del Norte", located in the heart of Valencia. From here it takes just 10 minutes to walk to the school.



## How to get to the school



**By metro** Colón (lines 3 and 5).



**By bus** Any bus that stops in the city centre (Pintor Sorolla, Calle de la Paz or Calle Colón).

What to see Shopping area 5 minutes walking

## First day of class

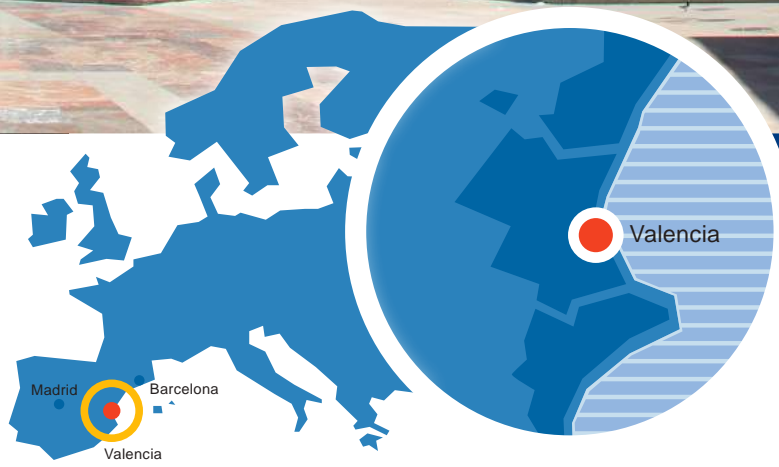
**We expect you to arrive at our school on Monday at 8:30 a.m.**

New students (except absolute beginners) will take a written and oral test at 8:30 a.m. to find out their level. The written test can also be done on-line beforehand.

Afterwards all students will participate in the orientation meeting where they will get to know other new students, the staff of the school and receive useful information.

Once the test is finished students will receive their book and class schedule corresponding to their level of Spanish. Classes will start on the same day!

In the afternoon we organize a guided tour of the city and we highly recommend joining in, as it is another chance to meet new people and to familiarize yourself with the city and the school surroundings.



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