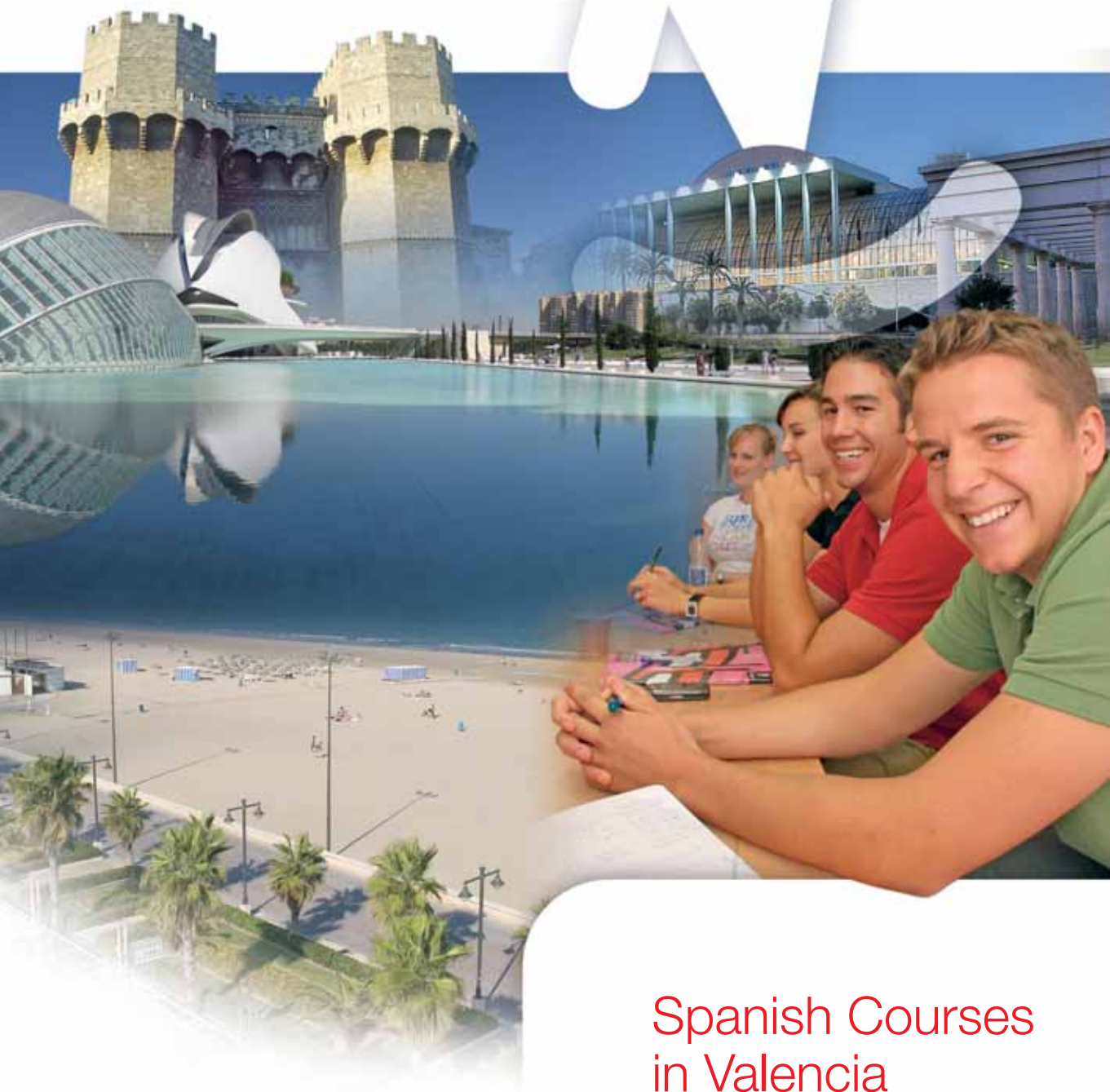


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# WEI COME

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. Get to know our culture and enjoy our sunshine, our wide 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 with us.

Come and experience it with us!

Cristina Navarro  
School Director



## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Our school is an affiliate member of the internationally renowned International House World Organisation (IHWO) with over 50 years' experience in improving quality in language teaching.

International House, which was founded in 1953, now has 130 independent schools in 40 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 the rigorous quality management systems of IHWO.

International House aims to achieve the highest standards in language teaching at its affiliate schools throughout the world.

All member schools are regularly inspected in order to guarantee that the name of International House remains synonymous with quality.

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## WHY CHOOSE ESPAÑOLÉ INTERNATIONAL HOUSE VALENCIA?

### THE SCHOOL

Españolé International House Valencia is a medium sized school. We offer high-quality Spanish courses in a friendly atmosphere. Our aim is to teach you to speak Spanish as quickly as possible, while enjoying the Spanish lifestyle and culture.

The school is strategically located in the city centre, it occupies a nice renovated building which offers excellent facilities for language study.

### OUR COURSES

The school offers a complete range of Spanish courses, combined with cultural activities that include local visits, day trips and other outings so that you can carry on practising your Spanish after class.

We use a communicative-based teaching approach and teach you to cope with everyday situations right from the start.

### TEACHING STAFF

Our teaching staff is composed of professionals who have wide experience in teaching Spanish to foreign students. They have specialised training in Spanish language and literature, and are used to responding effectively to the specific requirements of the students. The teachers provide their students with every support during the course, and are there to ensure that they gain maximum enjoyment and benefit from the courses.

### ACCOMMODATION

We offer different options for accommodation: with host families, in shared apartments with other students from the school, in private studios and in halls of residence.

### VALENCIA

Valencia is a city with something to suit all tastes; it is a modern city brimming with culture and history. It is located in a prime area of Spain, with a fabulous climate, great beaches and easy access to a large range of leisure activities. Living in Valencia is easy; we have all the advantages of a big city, yet have managed to retain a relaxed, open and friendly approach to life.





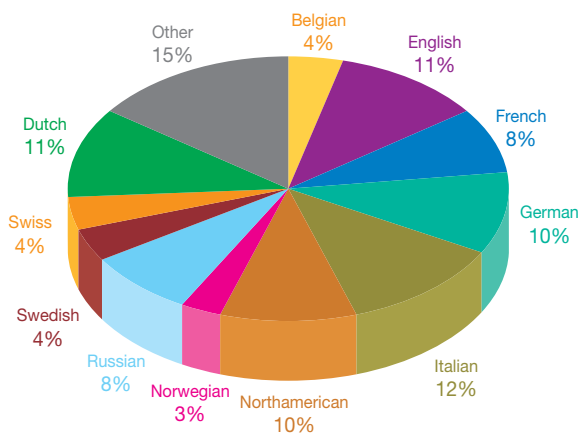
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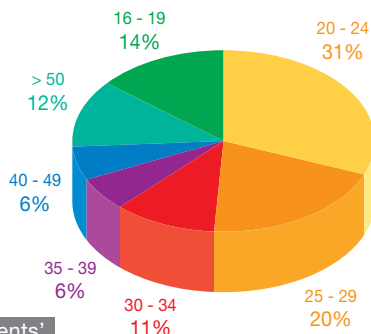
The school occupies a four-story building in the very centre of Valencia, just a step away from most of the interesting sights and services the city has to offer. It has 10 air-conditioned classrooms all of them fully equipped and with natural light, a library, student's room, and an internet access area which is open all day and free for our students. We also have a roof terrace, a great place to relax under the sun!

## 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 the official D.E.L.E 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.

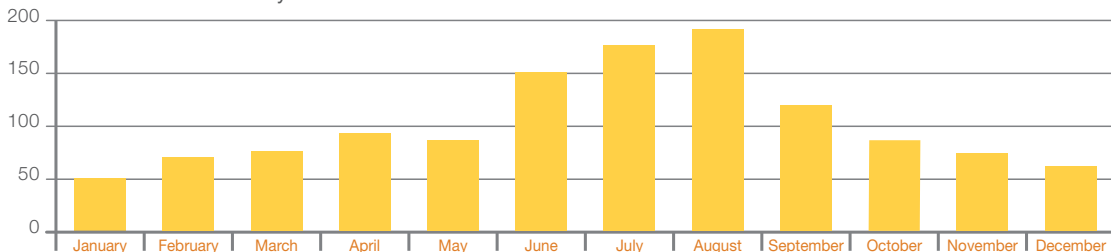


Students' nationalities



Students' ages

Number of students a year





## 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 good teaching experience and specialise in teaching to foreign students. They use modern materials and methods and ensure that the lessons are interesting and entertaining.

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

In addition to teaching you Spanish in class, they will accompany you on the extra-curricular activities that we offer, such as day trips, local visits, etc. and offer you general support during your stay at the school so that you find learning Spanish a pleasant experience.





# SPANISH COURSES

## METHODOLOGY

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

Students learn how people really use the language in real life, how they speak to each other in the street, how they socialize. Our method combines a traditional grammar approach with a more modern communicative focus, in which great importance is placed on practising grammar in communicative contexts that reproduce situations that you might come across in everyday life.

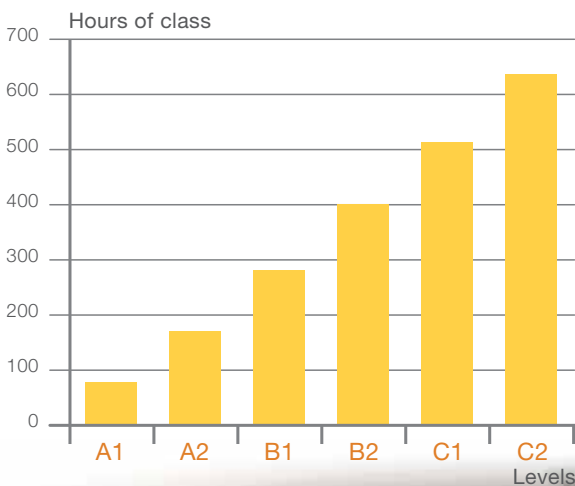
We use the most up to date resources such as interactive whiteboards.

Students develop skills that they can immediately practise outside the classroom. We concentrate on all of the fundamental language learning skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

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

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 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.



## 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 at this level 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 with native speakers 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. Students 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 on complex, unfamiliar situations. They can give clear presentations on complex issues, integrating sub themes and developing particular points.





## MATERIAL

You will use a textbook in class, together with supplemental material such as newspaper/press articles, adverts, audiovisual materials etc... The textbooks we use have been developed by International House teachers and cover all areas of language: reading, writing, listening and speaking with a communicative approach.

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 for students to borrow.

## CERTIFICATE

At the end of the course, students are given an attendance certificate indicating the course taken, the number of hours of study and the level reached, in addition to a detailed report on their progress.

## ACADEMIC CREDIT

Our courses are recognised by American universities for obtaining academic credit. Students can ask for the course they will study to be officially approved.

## TEST

On the first day of class students take a level test, once it has been corrected, they are incorporated into a group at their level. Students may change levels during the first few days or afterwards, if the student has made more progress than the rest of the group.

At least once a month, a test is given in class to evaluate the students' progress.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

You can borrow books and films from the school library which you'll find on the first floor. We offer you various kinds of material such as novels, grammar books or dictionaries and DVDs.

## INTERNET / WIRELESS LAN

The school has computers with internet access at your disposal and there's also WLAN all over the building, so you can also bring your own laptop.





# TYPES OF COURSES

We offer intensive Spanish language courses for groups and individuals. We also offer special programmes such as Spanish for Business and internship programmes and we prepare students for the DELE and Chamber of Commerce exams.

Most of the courses are appropriate for all levels, ranging from beginner to superior.

The classes are given in the mornings or afternoons, in small groups, and each lesson lasts for 55 minutes.



## INTENSIVE COURSES

### INTENSIVE 20

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 of this course is to enable students to learn to communicate in Spanish as soon as possible, in order to cope with all everyday situations. There are 4 lessons per day, during the morning or afternoon, lasting from one week

<b>Start of course</b>	Every Monday, except for beginners. (please check starting dates for beginners)
<b>N° of lessons per week</b>	20 general Spanish lessons
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 1 to 36 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	All levels. From absolute beginners to superior
<b>N° of students per class</b>	Maximum 10, average 6
<b>Timetable</b>	Mornings or afternoons. 9:30-13:30 or 14:30-18:30 (subject to changes)

### INTENSIVE 25

If you want to have an extra lesson everyday just focused on speaking, this is the course for you. There are 5 lessons per day.

<b>Start of course</b>	Every Monday, except for beginners. (please check starting dates for beginners)
<b>N° of lessons per week</b>	20 general Spanish lessons + 5 Spanish conversation lessons
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 1 to 36 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	All levels. From absolute beginners to superior
<b>N° of students per class</b>	Maximum 10, average 6
<b>Timetable</b>	Mornings or afternoons. 9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to changes)



## INTENSIVE PLUS

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

<b>Start of course</b>	Every Monday except for beginners. (please check starting dates for beginners)
<b>N° of lessons per week</b>	20 general Spanish lessons + 5 private lessons
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 1 to 36 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	All levels. From absolute beginners to superior
<b>Students per class</b>	For group classes: maximum of 10, average 6. For private lessons: 1
<b>Timetable</b>	Mornings or afternoons. 9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to changes)

## SUPERINTENSIVE

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

<b>Start of course</b>	Every Monday except for beginners. (please check starting dates for beginners)
<b>N° of lessons per week</b>	20 general Spanish lessons + 5 Spanish conversation lessons + 5 private lessons
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 1 to 36 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	All levels. From absolute beginners to superior
<b>Students per class</b>	For group lessons: maximum of 10, average 6. For private lessons: 1
<b>Timetable</b>	Mornings or afternoons. 9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to changes). Private lessons: to be agreed on.





## LONG-TERM PROGRAMME

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

<b>Start of course</b>	Every Monday, except for beginners. (please check starting dates for beginners)
<b>N° of lessons per week</b>	20 general Spanish lessons
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 12 to 40 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	All levels. From absolute beginners to superior
<b>N° of students per class</b>	Maximum of 10, average 6
<b>Timetable</b>	Mornings or afternoons. 9:30-13:30 or 14:30-18:30 (subject to changes)

## ONE TO ONE

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



<b>Start of course</b>	Every Monday
<b>N° of lessons per week</b>	From 1
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 1 to 36 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	All levels. From absolute beginners to superior
<b>N° of students per class</b>	1 (there is also the option of 2 students: One to two)
<b>Timetable</b>	To be agreed on



### Our courses include:

- :: Informative dossier
- :: Classroom material ( first book )
- :: Study tutoring
- :: Level test
- :: Course chosen
- :: Use of common rooms
- :: Free Internet connection
- :: Academic report
- :: Certificate of studies



## PREPARATION FOR EXAMS

### DELE

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 three exam sessions per year: in May, August and November.

There are DELE examinations offered at six different levels which meet the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)

- :: Diploma de español level A1
- :: Diploma de español level A2
- :: Diploma de español level B1
- :: Diploma de español level B2
- :: Diploma de español level C1
- :: Diploma de español level C2

<b>Start of courses</b>	April, July and October
<b>Nº of lessons per week</b>	25 lessons for preparing students for the DELE exam
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 1 to 7 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	From beginner (A1) to superior (C2)
<b>Nº of students per class</b>	Maximum of 10, average 4
<b>Timetable</b>	Mornings or afternoons. 9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to changes)

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAM

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

<b>Start of course</b>	February, May, June and September
<b>Nº of lessons per week</b>	20 general Spanish lessons + 5 lessons to prepare students for the exam
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 1 to 6 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	From intermediate (B1) to superior
<b>Nº of students per class</b>	Maximum of 10, average 4
<b>Timetable</b>	Mornings or afternoons. 9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to changes)

## SPECIAL COURSES

### SPANISH FOR BUSINESS

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 in the mornings or afternoons, from one week in length.



<b>Start of course</b>	Please check starting dates
<b>N° of lessons per week</b>	20 general Spanish lessons + 5 business Spanish lessons
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 1 to 6 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	From intermediate (B1) to superior.
<b>N° of students per class</b>	General Spanish: Maximum of 10, average 6 Business: Mini group, maximum of 4
<b>Timetable</b>	Mornings or afternoons. 9:30-14:30 or 13:30-18:30 (subject to changes)

### INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

This programme combines an intensive Spanish course with an internship of at least 12 weeks working in a company in or near Valencia. Working in a foreign company is a very rewarding experience. As well as giving you the chance to practise Spanish, you can learn the specific language to your job. The internship is considered to be a training programme so it is unpaid.

Before starting the work experience you will have to attend a Spanish course of at least 4 weeks. You can choose from among any of the intensive courses, but at least the B1 level is required.

Students interested in this program should apply a minimum of three months in advance of their preferred starting date. This will provide us with enough of time to find a suitable company.

When a student enrolls they will need to provide us with a complete CV, a recent photo and a motivation letter indicating the reasons why the student wants

to take part in this program and which sector of industry and duties s/he would like to develop.

Due to legal restrictions, this programme is only open to full time students from the European Union.





**SPANISH AND SAILING**

**New course!**

Renowned as an international centre for sailing, Valencia was also home to the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup. Our Spanish and Sailing 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 will have 20 Spanish lessons per week (4 lessons every day) and 10 hours of sailing lessons (3 days per week).



<b>Start of course</b>	Same starting dates as beginners (Check starting dates)
<b>Nº of lessons per week</b>	20 general Spanish classes + 10 sailing lessons
<b>Length of each lesson</b>	55 minutes
<b>Length of the course</b>	From 1 to 36 weeks
<b>Levels</b>	All levels. From absolute beginners to advanced
<b>Nº of students per class</b>	General Spanish: Maximum of 10, average 6 Sailing: Mini group, maximum of 5
<b>Timetable</b>	Mornings or afternoons Spanish 9:30-13:30 or 14:30-18:30 (subject to changes) Sailing: Three days a week (days depending on climatology) 10:00-13:20 or 15:00-18:20 (subject to changes)





## SPANISH AND AUPAIR

New course!

This programme offers a great opportunity for students of Spanish to fully immerse themselves in Spanish life. You will be welcomed into the homes of our Spanish host families as a member of the family. In return, you assist with child care, help with light housework and teach the children of the house your native language. We will make every effort to find an appropriate family match for you.

During your stay as an aupair in Spain you will have your own bedroom, will be given full board and some pocket money to spend. You will be contracted to work 30 hours per week, plus one or two nights babysitting.

The minimum length of stay is 1 month (which is only available in the summer) and the maximum is 12 months.

We only accept au pairs who are nationals of the European Union, Switzerland, the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Our program includes 2 weeks of Spanish course Intensive 20 at the beginning of your stay and placement with a host family.



## SPANISH AND VOLUNTEER WORK

New course!

This program combines a Spanish course with voluntary work. It is a great opportunity to help people from other cultures, learn about Spain 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.

You must attend a Spanish course for a minimum of two weeks and then you will start your voluntary work which will last for a minimum period of 6 weeks.





## JUNIOR COURSES

In the summer we offer special Spanish courses for students aged between 12 and 16. Our junior programme takes place at a school which is situated in a quiet area about 15 kilometres from Valencia, halfway between the mountains and the sea, with excellent transport facilities to and from the city of Valencia.

There are three Spanish lessons per day in the mornings, many cultural and sports activities in the afternoon and a full day trip per week on the weekends. Accommodation is provided with carefully selected families.

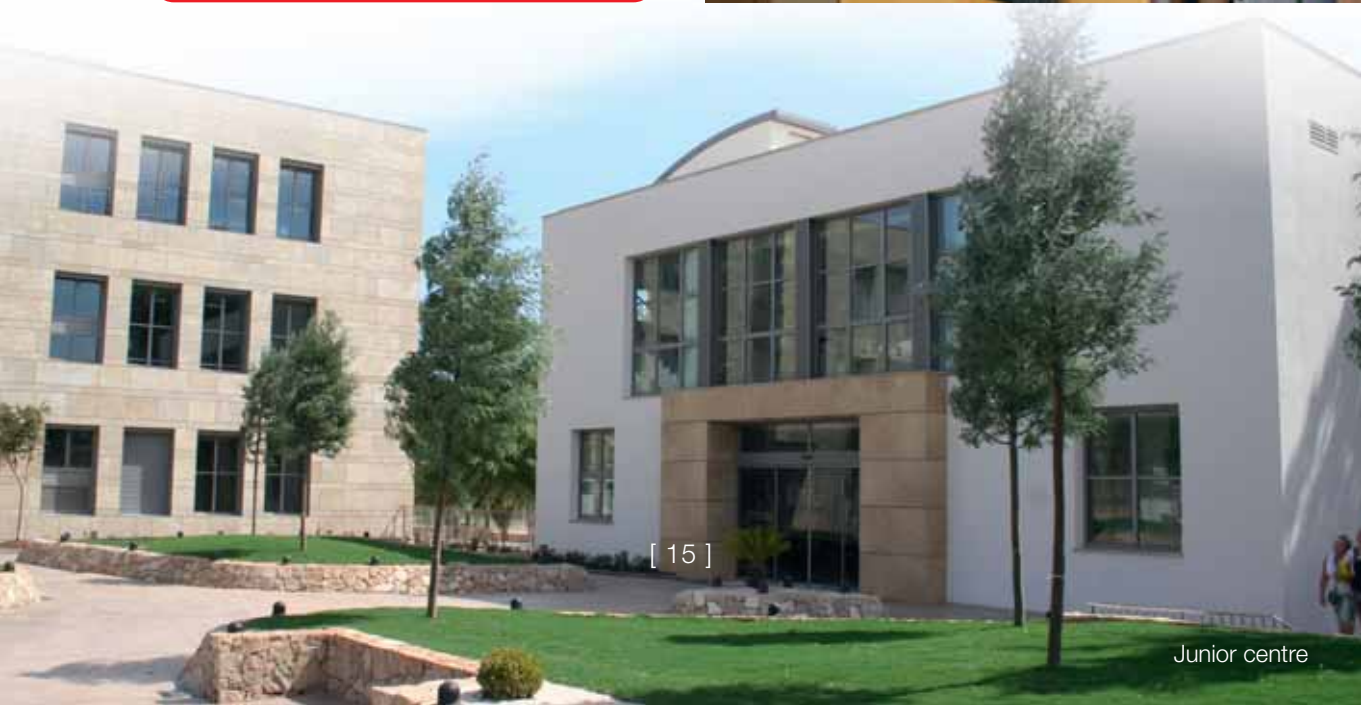
### The programme includes:

- :: Three hours of Spanish from Monday to Friday in the morning
- :: Leisure and sport activities and workshops in the afternoon
- :: Accommodation with host family, double room with half board from Monday to Friday and fullboard during the weekend
- :: School lunches from Monday to Friday
- :: Transfer to and from the airport
- :: School transport from Monday to Friday
- :: Classroom material
- :: Day trip every Saturday. Guide, packed lunch and transport included
- :: 24-hour-support-service
- :: Final Certificate of attendance and evaluation report

## COMBINED COURSES: 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 coordinated study program.

International House Spain offers a choice of eight destinations spread across the whole country. You can study in Barcelona, Córdoba, Madrid, Palma de Mallorca, San Sebastian, Seville, Vejer and Valencia.





## 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.

Our group courses are designed for school teachers who want to arrange trips for their students to complement their classes at school. We aim to provide effective language learning and an enjoyable and rich cultural experience in Spain within a limited timescale.

The core programme consists of Spanish language classes which are accompanied by a wide variety of fun and educational activities and excursions. These are customised to suit different interests, ages and programme lengths. We also arrange accommodation, so you do not need to concern yourself with any of these aspects of your trip.

We cater for groups of any size from 10 students upwards. Typically we would expect to receive groups of between 10 to 30 students for a trip of 1 or 2 weeks.

### SPANISH LESSONS

Classes can be organised in private groups or they can be integrated with the other classes in the school which would provide a mix of nationalities; we use an innovative, communicative approach to teaching. Lessons are fun and interactive with a high level of student involvement. The contents can be adapted to suit the students' needs.



#### Our group programmes include:

- :: 15 or 20 hours Spanish language tuition in the morning from Monday to Friday
- :: Afternoon activities and full day trips on the weekends
- :: Host family, or residential accommodation with breakfast and evening meal or full board 7 days per week
- :: Transport to and from airport
- :: All course materials
- :: Welcome pack, placement test & course certificate
- :: 1 leader with free accommodation per 10 students
- :: 24 h support service





## ACCOMMODATION

Group accommodation is provided with carefully selected Spanish host families or in university halls of residence. Students normally have double rooms including breakfast and evening meal or full board.

The host family option is ideal for students who wish to immerse themselves as much as possible in Spanish culture.

The residential option is provided in halls of residence located on the university campus. All rooms have ensuite bathrooms and we can arrange to teach the classes in the same residence. The residence has spacious common room areas where students can relax.



## ACTIVITIES

We consider the cultural activities and excursions we organise to be an essential part of the learning experience.

Groups organizers can choose from a wide range of cultural visits and group-based afternoon and evening activities to provide a well rounded and varied trip for their students. We can arrange

visits to interesting places in the city of Valencia as well as excursions to nearby towns such as Altea, Sagunto, Peñíscola and Játiva. In the afternoon and evening we can offer activities such as shopping trips, bowling, going to the cinema, beach games, sports, quiz nights, discos, talent shows and more.

## SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Date and time	Sunday*	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
8:00-9:00	Arrival  Transfer from the airport  Meet host families / arrival to the residence	Breakfast						Full day excursion to Peñíscola
9:30-11:15		Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	
11:15-11:30		Break						
11:30-13:25		Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	Spanish lessons	
13:45-14:45		Lunch						
14:45-15:45		Free time / homework						
16:00-18:00		City tour	Visit to the City of Arts	Volleyball in the beach	Visit to museo Fallero	Visit to Ceramics factory		
18:00-20:00		Tapas evening	Dancing lesson	Bowling	Film in the school	Talent show		
20:00-20:30		Return to host family / residence						
21:00		Dinner						

\* Arrivals can be on a different day of the week.



# ACCOMMODATION

In order that you feel comfortable and relaxed during your stay it is essential that you are satisfied with your accommodation arrangements. For this reason we attach significant importance to ensuring that the quality of the accommodation that 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 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 bathrooms that are shared with other students. All apartments have a fully equipped kitchen, a lounge with TV, a washing machine and an iron. The school provides bed linen, but you should bring your own 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.

## 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 should be comfortable and hospitable.



Most of the families live near the school, the maximum distance from the school to the host family is 20 minutes by bus or metro.

Students are lodged in single or double rooms and can choose from among 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 will have to respect some basic rules and schedules, especially for mealtimes.

We have different types of host families. They may be composed of parents and children, a couple or a single parent who takes in students because he or she enjoys the company.

You will encounter a family atmosphere, where only Spanish is spoken and there might be other students in the house, so you will find it easy to make friends with them.

## TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Year Round	Shared apartment	Host family	Residence	Private Studio
<b>Location</b>	Residencial area	Residencial area	University area	City Centre (Old town)
<b>Travel time to school</b>	Around 20 minutes (average 10) by bus or metro	Around 20 minutes (average 10) by bus or metro	Between 25-30 minutes by bus or metro	5 minutes on foot
<b>Meals</b>	Self-catering	B&B, half board and full board	B&B, half board and full board	Self-catering
<b>How many students?</b>	1 to 6	1 to 4	400	1 to 3
<b>Single Room</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Double Room</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes
<b>Facilities</b>	Fully equipped kitchen with washing machine. TV. Shared bathroom	Bedroom with wardrobe, study desk and chair. Shared bathroom	En-suite room with wardrobe, desk and chair, telephone, Internet and air-conditioning. Canteen for meals	Fully equipped kitchen with microwave and washing machine. TV and air-conditioning
<b>Cleaning</b>	Every 2 weeks	Every week	Every week	Every 2 weeks



## UNIVERSITY 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 hours reception service, a coffee bar, internet access and a dining room. There is no kitchen but you can choose between bed & breakfast, half board or full board accommodation. Cleaning once a week is included.

## STUDIOS

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

## HOTELS, HOSTELS

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

The accommodation is available between 14:00 a.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.

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**:: CHECK IN TIME:**  
Sunday after 2:00 p.m.

**:: CHECK OUT TIME:**  
Saturday before 12:00 p.m.





# 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 offers you 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 steps lessons.



The social programme includes activities such as:

WHAT OUR STUDENTS THINK

When I enrolled for this course, I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know much about Spain or Valencia, for that matter. However, I found the city captivating immediately, especially the old part, the beach, the friendly people and the cuisine. It's impossible to visit Valencia without trying its delicious "paella" and famous "horchata"!

With respect to the course, all the teachers have different methods that enable us to have fun while we learn. It's an experience I will never forget.

*Andrea from Austria*

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





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. This is an example of a weekly programme:

- :: **Monday:** City tour and Welcome party (free activity)
- :: **Tuesday:** Language workshop "Spanish Food" (free activity)
- :: **Wednesday:** Film in the school "Todo sobre mi madre" (free activity)
- :: **Thursday:** Visit to a museum or Salsa lessons in the school (free activity)
- :: **Friday:** Students' dinner (extra charge)
- :: **Saturday:** Full day excursion to Játiva (extra charge)





# VALENCIA

Valencia is a cosmopolitan city with about 800,000 inhabitants. This beautiful Mediterranean city enjoys a mild temperate climate and offers a wealth of gastronomical delights, festivals and cultural events. Here you will be able to see how prosperous historical tradition and recent innovative architecture stand side by side.

In the last two decades Valencia has undergone an amazing transformation. Examples of modern architecture such as the “City of the Arts and Sciences”, the museum “IVAM” (“Valencia Institute of Modern Art”), the concert hall “Palau de la Música” and the conference centre “Palau de Congressos” form an interesting contrast to the beautiful and mysterious historic centre with its religious temples and Gothic Baroque.

“Jardín del Turia”, the riverbed of the former Turia river is now a park surrounding a large part of the city which is perfect for all kinds of sports such as cycling, jogging and skating.

A very famous and interesting part of the city centre is Barrio del Carmen which is known for its variety of “tapas” bars, restaurants with delicious Valencian cuisine such as the famous “paella” and its countless pubs and discos. People of all ages and with all tastes enjoy discovering the flair of these narrow streets with all their ancient buildings.

Pleasant temperatures in Valencia ensure that the beach is bustling during most of the year. Wide and open with fine golden sand, it is very popular both for sunbathing and for the



restaurants and cafés situated along the waterfront promenade.

The most popular festival in Valencia takes place in March: “Las Fallas”. For five days, fireworks, “mascletas” and skillfully created monuments take over the city. The smell of gunpowder blends with the scent of emerging Spring flowers. The sound of band music and the “mascletas” turn the city into a place to behold: a complete transformation that precedes the Spring every year.

Valencia is a city internationally known for its sailing, as it hosted the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> editions of the America's Cup. Another international popular event is the Formula 1 Gran Prix of Europe city circuit when the city vibrates with the thunder of racing car engines.

And all this, together with more than 360 days of sun per year and people who are open-minded and friendly, make Valencia the ideal place in which to spend a memorable study holiday.



## 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 there. Moreover, Valencia has connecting flights with Madrid and Barcelona for destinations all over the world. The airport is connected by bus and metro with the city centre.

### BY BUS

The central bus station is located in the West zone of the city. It has lines connected with 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 there it takes just 10 minutes to walk to the school.

## TRANSFER SERVICE

We can arrange your transfer on arrival at Valencia airport, train and bus station and also for 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.



## FIRST DAY OF CLASS

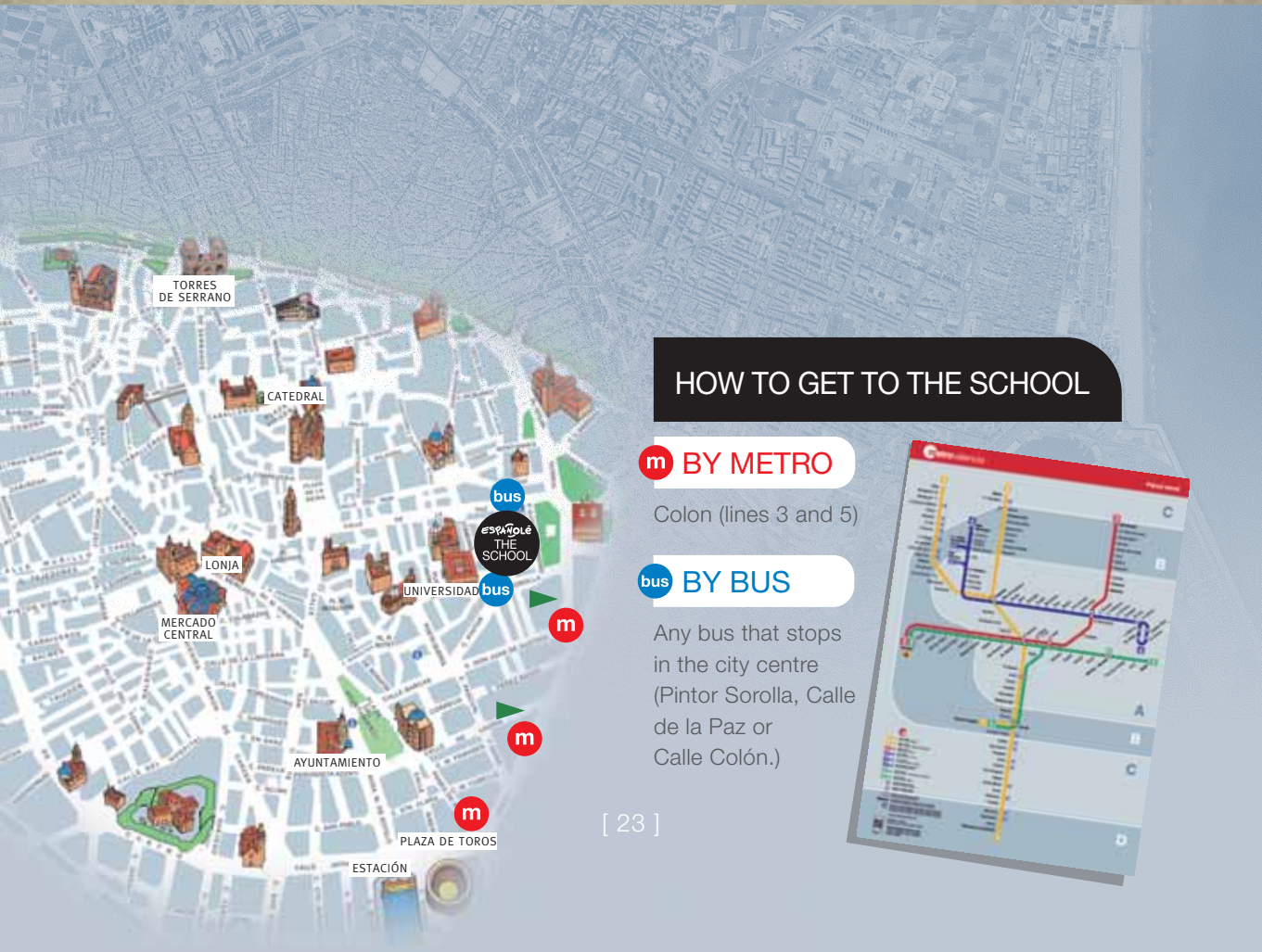
We expect you to arrive at our school on Monday at 8.30 a.m.

New students (except absolute beginners) will take a written and oral test at 8.30 a.m. to find out their level of Spanish.

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 you to participate in it as it will be another chance to meet new people and to familiarize yourself with the city and the school surroundings.



## HOW TO GET TO THE SCHOOL

### **m** BY METRO

Colon (lines 3 and 5)

### **bus** BY BUS

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





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