

# COLEGIO DE ESPAÑA

## Salamanca

A large group of young adults, likely students, are posing for a group photo in a sunny outdoor plaza. They are arranged in several rows, with some crouching in the front and others standing behind. The group is diverse in age and ethnicity, all smiling at the camera. The background features a grand, ornate building with multiple windows and balconies, suggesting a historic or university setting. The lighting is bright, indicating it is daytime.





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**40**  
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Spanish  
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## Spanish Language Teaching





Dear students,

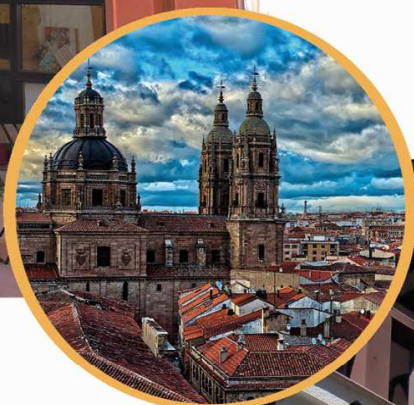
We wish to thank you that year after year you continue to choose the COLEGIO DE ESPAÑA and the city of SALAMANCA to continue your Spanish language training.

Our main aim is that you get enchanted with our language, our culture, and our city and that you consider the Colegio de España not only as a study center, but also as your OWN HOME, as for us, students are always the most important.

Thank you to all students who have passed by our classes since 1973, as well as all Universities, Colleges, and Institutions that have been collaborating with us for so many years.

We hope your stay at the Colegio and in Salamanca will be a unique experience and an unforgettable memory for the rest of your lives.

Welcome to Colegio de España.



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# SALAMANCA, THE CITY



Salamanca, one of the most beautiful cities in our country, is situated in the western part of Spain in the region of Castilla y León, at about 200 kms. from Madrid and 100 km from Portugal. It has a population of about 160,000 inhabitants and a great university population of about 32,000 students, which makes it a young, open and cosmopolitan capital.

Salamanca, one of the architectonic jewels of Europe for its great amount of monuments which can be visited, was declared World Heritage City by the UNESCO in 1988. Its convents, churches, and civil buildings, that are situated throughout the centre of the city, give you the opportunity to discover enchanting places.

Salamanca is a secure, lively, warm, dynamic, and well conserved city. These characteristics together with its students atmosphere, thanks to the prestige of its University (one of the most ancient in Europe), and its wide cultural offers, have converted Salamanca into the ideal place to learn or improve the Spanish language.

As for its province, not many places have the privilege to enjoy villages with such a rich and interesting history as those that many of the villages in Salamanca hide. You can enjoy a varied and worthy historical and artistic heritage and a popular culture full of traditions and festivities.

The nature in this area of Spain has two characteristics which make it special: its diversity and its environmental quality. These have allowed the preservation of great part of its territory, including the area into the *Red de Espacios Naturales de Castilla y León* and *Red Europea Natura 2000*.

## HOW TO ARRIVE?

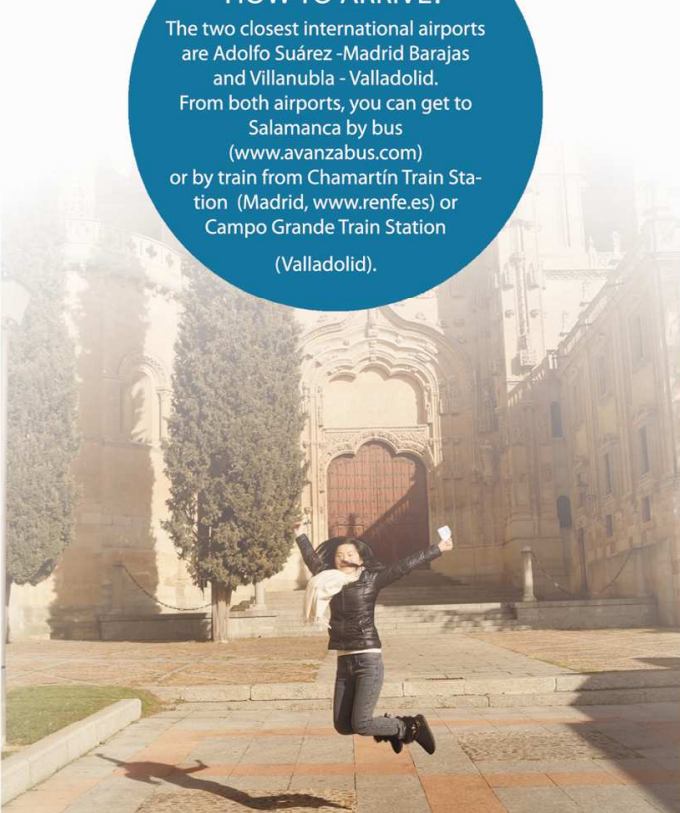
The two closest international airports are Adolfo Suárez -Madrid Barajas and Villanubla - Valladolid.

From both airports, you can get to Salamanca by bus

([www.avanzabus.com](http://www.avanzabus.com))

or by train from Chamartín Train Station (Madrid, [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)) or Campo Grande Train Station

(Valladolid).





Founded in 1973 in Salamanca, the Colegio de España is dedicated to the teaching and spreading of the Spanish Language and Cultures of Spain and Hispanic America to students and Spanish teachers of all around the world.

The recognized quality of its fully qualified teachers and its teaching method (guaranteed by different seals of quality: *CEELE*, granted by the University of Alcalá de Henares, and *CENTRO ACREDITADO* by the Cervantes Institute), the variety of its academic programs, the rigour and professionalism at work, together with the familiar atmosphere, have converted the Colegio de España into one of the most prestigious schools on an international level for Spanish Language Teaching.



## Why Choose the Colegio de España?

- Over 40 years of experience in Spanish Language training.
- Quality teaching guaranteed by several Institutions, Associations, and Universities.
- Privileged location right in the city centre (inside a historical building of the 17th Century) at less than two minutes walking from its famous Plaza Mayor.
- Native teachers, highly qualified with over 15 years of teaching experience.
- Small groups.
- Great variety of courses (more than 20), all year round.
- Six levels of Spanish Language (following the guidelines of the Common European Framework).
- Dynamic, participative, and active classes.
- Start of new courses every Monday.
- Students of all nationalities and age groups.
- Programs adapted to the requirements of specific groups (Colleges, High Schools, Universities, etc.).
- Familiar atmosphere and personalized attention.
- Great variety of extra-curricular activities (cultural, sport, gastronomy, etc.)
- Different options for lodging, carefully selected.
- Quick registration procedure (course, lodging, etc.) without enrollment fees.
- Excellent quality-price ratio.



## Facilities at the Colegio

### Leisure Areas and Internet Access

Our centre has a variety of leisure areas (with free internet access) both interior and exterior, where students can enjoy their free time in between classes.

### Conference and Video Room

The Colegio has a wide collection of movies which include documentary films on History, Art, Literature, etc. as well as representative movies of all periods, both of Spain as Hispanic America.

### Library and Lecture Room

With an important collection of titles, including classic and contemporary titles and a wide catalogue on Spanish Language Teaching, magazines, as well as board games.

\*\*\*All above mentioned is at the disposal of all students and can be used both at the Colegio, or if the student wishes, at home.

## Publishing House Ambos Mundos

The Colegio de España features its own Publishing House (Ambos Mundos). Among its collections we can highlight the one dedicated to SPANISH LANGUAGE TEACHING.

Some of the titles of this collection are:

-*Los Verbos Españoles*, Blanca Marcos and Covadonga Llorente, (9th edition), Colegio de España.

-*El Indicativo*, M<sup>a</sup> Ángeles Sastre, University of Valladolid.

-*El Subjuntivo en Español*, M<sup>a</sup> Ángeles Sastre, (2nd edition), University of Valladolid.

-*Las Preposiciones en Español*, Carmen Fernández López, University of Alcalá de Henares.

-*Manual de Ortografía Española*, Blanca Marcos and Covadonga Llorente, Colegio de España.

For more information on this collection or any of the other titles of the Publishing House Ambos Mundos, contact the Administration of the Colegio or [info@colegioespana.com](mailto:info@colegioespana.com).

# ACADEMIC INFORMATION



## PLACEMENT TEST

On their first day of courses, at 8:45a.m., students will take the placement test (included within the hours of the course) to determine the level of knowledge of Spanish Language of each student. If the placement is not appropriate the student can change levels (within the first three days of the course) after having consulted the teacher.

The Colegio recommends A1 level students to start classes the first week of each course (consult dates on the course calendar).

## BOOKS AND CLASS MATERIAL

The price of the books is not included in the price of the course (consult price list). We recommend all students not to write in the books until they are sure they have been placed in the right level.

## SCHEDULE AND ATTENDANCE

Class sessions are generally given in the mornings, from Mondays to Fridays (from 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. or from 9.00a.m. to 2.00p.m., these schedules can vary). The Colegio will inform all students on their schedules on the first day of class.

The average number of students per class is 7-8 (maximum allowed 12).

Class attendance and punctuality will be controlled by the teachers, and non-attendance will be discounted from the total hours on the Certificate of Attendance. Each class session lasts for 50 minutes.

## METHODOLOGY

Our teaching methods, adapted to the needs of each student, are based on an approach orientated towards the communicative action and focussed on the students. Therefore, we pay special attention to stimulating their interest to learn and help them develop their communicative capacity, using motivating tasks and dynamic classes, which allow them to interact during daily life. This interactive dynamic is achieved creating the appropriate atmosphere in class, encouraging the interest for work, mutual support, cordiality, empathy, respect, and knowledge among students and towards other languages and cultures. This way we are able to satisfy the desire of our students to progress in their Spanish language training, to get more familiar with Spanish-speaking countries, and their cultures, and to communicate with their inhabitants.

The following levels are taught in accordance with the Common European Framework

### Level A1: Beginner

Students will be able to ask and answer questions about themselves on the place they live, on people they know, on their possessions. They will be able to construct simple affirmations on their immediate needs or common issues. They will be able to introduce themselves, ask for or give basic personal information on their residences, possessions, or persons they know.

### Level B1: Intermediate

Students will be able to interact and to be understood in a great variety of situations; expose a problem, express opinions, ask for explanations, set out a complaint; talk about the past and explain future events and projects. They will be able to understand the main ideas of clear texts, written in a standard language if they are familiar with the issues. They will be able to write simple and coherent texts on issues they are familiar with or of personal interest. They will be able to describe experiences, events, wishes or ambitions, as well as explain briefly their opinions and future plans.

### Level C1: Proficiency

Students will have a wide linguistic repertoire which will allow them to have a fluent, wide, and precise communication. They will be able to adapt to different registers which will allow them to communicate in all environments (social, academic, professional, cultural, etc.). They will be able to write clear, well structured and detailed texts on issues of a certain difficulty, while showing the correct use of organization, articulation and, cohesion of the texts.



## ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE OR STUDY CERTIFICATE

At the end of their courses all students will receive an Attendance Certificate, free of charge.

The Study Certificate will only be issued to those students who have passed the corresponding examinations (exam fee: 12 €) and have attended more than 90% of the total sessions of the course.

For some courses we can offer the possibility to obtain university credits granted by the Universidad Pontificia of Salamanca. To obtain credits for the courses completed, consult the Administration of the Colegio.

Students who wish to receive any of these certificates by mail should pay the charges for postage and packing.

## COURSE CANCELLATION

The Colegio is entitled to cancel any course that does not have a minimum of 4 students enrolled. In this case, the student will be offered a course similar to the one enrolled for or refunded of the amount paid for.

Once the course has started, students cannot cancel their inscriptions nor request any refund.



### Level A2: Elementary

Students will be able to understand frequently used phrases related with relevant areas for them (basic information on themselves and their families, purchases, interesting places, occupations, etc.). They will be able to interact in simple and common-day situations (shops, banks, etc.). They will be able to describe in simple terms aspects of the past and their environment as well as issues related to their immediate needs.

### Level B2: Advanced

Students will be able to explain and defend their opinions during a debate; expose the advantages and disadvantages of a certain issue, speculate on possible situations; maintain a natural conversation, fluently and efficiently. They will be able to understand the main ideas of complex texts which deal both with abstract and practical issues, taking into account their area of specialization. They will be able to communicate with native speakers with a sufficient grade of fluency and spontaneity.

### Level C2: Mastery

Students will be able to understand easily almost everything they hear or read. They will be able to reconstruct the information and arguments coming from different sources, both spoken and written, and present those in a coherent and concise way. They will be able to express themselves spontaneously, with a great fluency and precision, which will allow them to identify subtle nuances of meanings.



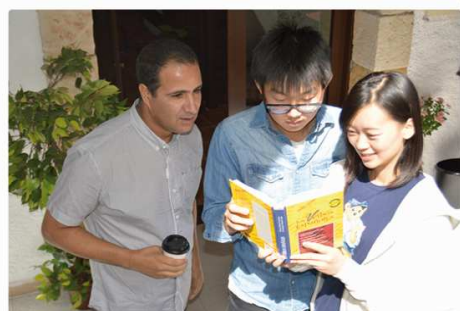
4 hours  
daily  
(standard  
course)

Courses with  
credits  
granted by  
*Universidad Pontificia of  
Salamanca*

## COURSE 101: INTENSIVE SPANISH LANGUAGE

This is the most popular course since it is aimed towards students who wish to learn Spanish quickly and effectively and combine it with other activities which allows them to enjoy the city of Salamanca and its inhabitants. The course deals with the four aspects of the use of the language: oral and written interaction and oral and written comprehension are taught in a dynamic, varied, and motivating way. The course has 20 sessions weekly.

For this course, we offer the possibility to obtain credits granted by the *Universidad Pontificia of Salamanca*.



5 hours  
daily  
(special  
course)

## COURSE 102: SPECIAL INTENSIVE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND SPANISH AND HISPANIC AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

This course is aimed towards those students who wish to widen their knowledge of some aspects of the Spanish and Hispanic American history and cultures with an extra daily session. This course has 25 sessions weekly.

For this course, we offer the possibility to obtain credits granted by the *Universidad Pontificia of Salamanca*.



Course for  
Spanish-  
speaking  
students

## COURSE 103: FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING STUDENTS

This course has been specially designed for those who, even though Spanish is their mother tongue, need to study in depth some aspects of the language (written expression, vocabulary, grammar rules...) and widen their knowledge on the most relevant aspects of the Spanish and Hispanic American history and cultures due to the fact that they are living in a non-speaking Spanish country or have studied in a different country. This course has 25 sessions weekly.

9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m., Spanish Language and 1:00p.m. to 2:00p.m., Spanish and Hispanic American Civilization.



Business  
Spanish  
course

## COURSE 104: BASIC AND SUPERIOR CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS SPANISH

This course is aimed towards those who, apart from having interest to widen their knowledge of the language, wish to complete their training with specific Spanish in the area of business. It is also aimed towards those students who wish to obtain the Certificate of Business Spanish granted by the Official Chamber of Commerce of Madrid.

The course deals with specific contents of the company and its organization, the work place, the company and production, the economy, commercial correspondence, the banking and stock exchange and marketing and publicity. This course has 30 sessions weekly. To enroll in the course, students need to have at least a B1 level of Spanish.

Students who wish to obtain the Certificate granted by the Official Chamber of Commerce of Madrid can ask for more information at the Administration of the Colegio de España.

# SPANISH COURSES (all year round)

## COURSE 105: INDIVIDUAL (One to One)

These courses are aimed towards persons with specific needs or who cannot attend the courses at the Colegio due to their schedules. Students can choose the aspects to be dealt with in class (grammar, conversation, literature, preparation for examinations, etc.)

Schedules of classes will be set between teacher and student.

Private  
classes

## COURSE 106: DELE PREPARATORY COURSE

Aimed towards persons who wish to obtain the official certificate *DELE* (*Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera*) granted by the Cervantes Institute on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, the only official one which recognizes and certifies the degree of knowledge of Spanish Language.

The certificates of Spanish *DELE* have an international recognition and a great prestige, not only among public educational institutions and authorities, but also in the business world and chambers of commerce. There are suitable, and in many cases essential to facilitate promotion at work and access to education both in Spain as in other countries.

The course has 60 or 30 sessions of specific preparation for these examinations designed to obtain the Certificate. During these courses all skills are dealt with, using methods similar to the ones that will be evaluated in the *DELE* (written expression, oral expression, written comprehension and oral comprehension).

The Colegio de España is an official exam centre, accredited by the Cervantes Institute.

The course is taught by teachers with great experience and certified by the Cervantes Institute as examiners for *DELE*.

Official  
exam  
centre for  
DELE

## COURSE 107: HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

This course is aimed towards students who, apart from being interested in widening their knowledge of the language quickly, effectively, and pleasantly, wish to complete their training with some aspects of the Spanish and Hispanic American history and cultures.

The course, offered during this time of the year, has a duration of two weeks. It has five daily sessions (except for Holy Thursday and Good Friday, without classes). Consult dates on the calendar of courses.

Special  
Easter  
Holidays

"Having chosen Salamanca to study was a simple coincidence, but it has turned out to be one of the best decisions of my life. Not only is the city beautiful, but it is also comfortable to live and the people are very nice. I can say that during the few months I have been studying at the Colegio de España I have been able to live the Spanish culture fully. The school is very welcoming, as well as all the teachers who made me feel at home as of from my first day. My experience at the Colegio de España has been incredible: not only have I learned a lot, it has also been enjoyable! During the trips I have been able to see everything in person that was learned in class and, almost without realizing it, I have learned a lot more. We have visited beautiful places and seen the history and culture of other areas in Spain. When I leave Salamanca, I will leave behind, even more than friends, a great family at the Colegio de España".

Carolina Rodríguez  
Chang  
University of South Florida



"This is the best way to learn Spanish. I live with a Spanish family and after class you have the opportunity to practice what we have learned during class. I love Salamanca and being with other students who want to learn Spanish. A marvelous experience and I recommend the Colegio de España to everyone".

Rebecca Mesiner  
University of South  
Florida



The main aim of these courses is to provide students with general and more specific information of the Spanish Language and the Spanish and Hispanic American Cultures.

- Each subject has 3 to 5 sessions weekly.
- To attend these courses, students should have at least a B1 level of Spanish Language (except for the course 240CEH where the minimum level is B2). If students do not have the sufficient level to take the courses and would have to change to the INTENSIVE SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES, they should pay for the difference between both courses.
- To obtain the Certificate of Hispanic Studies, students should enroll for at least four subjects, attend class regularly, and pass the corresponding examinations.
- The subject of Spanish Language is compulsory for all levels.
- The Colegio is entitled to cancel any subject which does not have a minimum of 4 students enrolled.
- The Colegio can offer other subjects (apart from those specified in each course) if a minimum of students would be interested.

## 200CEH-ANNUAL COURSE IN HISPANIC STUDIES

Subjects of this course:

Spanish Language (levels B1, B2, C1 and C2), Composition, Writing and Spelling in Spanish, Translation English-Spanish, General History of Spain, General History of Hispanic America, General History of Spanish Literature, General History of Hispanic American Literature, General History of Spanish Art, Traditions of Spain, Commercial and Business Spanish.

## 220CEH-SPRING COURSE

Subjects of this course:

Spanish Language (levels B1, B2, C1 and C2), Composition, Writing and Spelling in Spanish, Translation English-Spanish, Commercial and Business Spanish, History of Spain II, Spanish Literature II, Spanish Art History II, Hispanic American History II, Hispanic American Literature II, Spanish Civilization, Traditions of Spain.

## 210CEH-WINTER COURSE

Subjects of this course:

Spanish Language (levels B1, B2, C1 and C2), Composition, Writing and Spelling in Spanish, Translation English-Spanish, Commercial and Business Spanish, History of Spain I, Spanish Literature I, Spanish Art History I, Hispanic American History I, Hispanic American Literature I, Traditions of Spain.

## 230CEH-AUTUMN COURSE

Subjects of this course:

Spanish Language (levels B1, B2, C1 and C2), Composition, Writing and Spelling in Spanish, Translation English-Spanish, Commercial and Business Spanish, History of Spain III, Spanish Literature III, Spanish Art History III, Hispanic American Literature III, Traditions of Spain.

## 240CEH- UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSE IN HISPANIC STUDIES "José Luis de Celis"

This course takes place during the month of July (consult dates on the calendar of courses) and is aimed towards teachers of Spanish, postgraduates and students.

To take this course, students should have at least a B2 level of Spanish Language.

\*\*\*Important: to obtain the Certificate in Hispanic Studies, students should choose at least 2 subjects of this course.

For a more detailed information on the subjects, consult the calendar of courses or our website [www.colegioespana.com](http://www.colegioespana.com).

*José Luis de Celis Ullán (1933-2005)*

*The course was named after the co-founder of the Summer Courses of the University of Salamanca and founder of the Colegio de España in 1973. Hundreds of persons of all over the world were able to enjoy the profound knowledge of José Luis de Celis, considered by all a "Master of Masters", during his classes at the Colegio de España and at different universities such as the one in Salamanca, Stanford, Houston, Havana...*

List of some of the teachers and writers that have taken part in this course:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albornoz, Aurora de (University of Puerto Rico)</li> <li>• Alonso, Carlos (Emory University)</li> <li>• Amoros, Andrés (Autonomous University of Madrid)</li> <li>• Basanta, Ángel ( "Rey Pastor" Institute, Madrid)</li> <li>• Barreda, Thomas, Pedro (University of Massachusetts)</li> <li>• Benítez Rojo, Antonio (Amherst College)</li> <li>• Cardillac, Louis (University of Montpellier)</li> <li>• Cevallos, Francisco J. (University of Massachusetts)</li> <li>• De Celis Ullán, José Luis (Colegio de España)</li> <li>• D'Introno, Francesco (University of Massachusetts)</li> <li>• Domínguez Ortiz, Antonio (University of Granada)</li> <li>• Fernández Cifuentes, Luis (Harvard University)</li> <li>• G. Povedano, Francisco (University of Kiel)</li> <li>• Gómez Torres, Ana María (University of Málaga)</li> <li>• González Echevarría, Roberto (Yale University)</li> <li>• Gullón, Germán (University of Texas)</li> <li>• Harris, James (I.M.T.)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hermenegildo, Alfredo (University of Montreal)</li> <li>• Hertzberger, David (University of Connecticut)</li> <li>• Hualde, Ignacio (University of Illinois)</li> <li>• Iffland, James (Boston University)</li> <li>• Laspéras, Jean Michel (University of Aix-en-Provence)</li> <li>• López-Baralt, Luce (University of Puerto Rico)</li> <li>• Mabrey, Cristina (University of South Carolina)</li> <li>• Marcané, Leonardo (State University of New York)</li> <li>• Martín Melón, Mar (Colegio de España)</li> <li>• Manteiga, Roberto (University of Rhode Island)</li> <li>• Maurer, Christopher (Harvard University)</li> <li>• Morón Arroyo, Ciriaco (Cornell University)</li> <li>• Olivio Jiménez, José (Hunter College, New York)</li> <li>• Pellón, Gustavo (University of Virginia)</li> <li>• Pupo Walker, Enrique (Vanderbilt University)</li> <li>• Ruiz Ramón, Francisco (Vanderbilt University)</li> <li>• Zamora, Juan Clemente (University of Massachusetts)</li> </ul> |
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Writers:

- Cano, José Luis (Poet)
- Izcaray, Jesús de (Novelist)
- Kodama, María (Writer)
- Landero, Luis (Novelist. National Literature Award)
- Merino, José María (Novelist)
- Millás, Juan José (Novelist)
- Sastre, Alfonso (Dramatist)



# SPECIFIC SUMMER COURSES AND OPTIONAL ONES



## COURSE OF SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS

Aimed towards high-school students who wish to start or widen their Spanish language training in our country. In this course, teachers focus on a communicative methodology, taking into account the age groups and needs of these students.

The course is offered during the months of July and August and has 20 sessions weekly (four hours daily from Mondays to Fridays).

## ADVANCED COURSE FOR SPANISH TEACHERS

This course is aimed towards teachers or future teachers (non-native), interested in improving their teaching skills and refreshing their knowledge of the language and different cultural contents. The aim of the course is to provide the participants with the necessary tools to be able to apply during the Spanish Language Teaching in an effective, attractive, and motivating way. The course has a duration of two weeks, five sessions daily, from Mondays to Fridays (50 sessions in total) and is organized in the following way:

- Didactics and Methodology of the Spanish Language: basic concepts of the Spanish Language Teaching and Training, approach and program in the classroom, analysis of materials and planning, the role of the teacher and the management in the classroom, affective and dynamic aspects in class.
- The four linguistic skills: expression skills (oral and written expression and interaction) and interpretation skills (written and oral comprehension).
- The Spanish grammar: the role of the grammar in a Spanish Language class, fundamental problems of Spanish grammar for foreign students, processing of mistakes.
- Attendance to Spanish Language courses (all levels) as a visiting professor.

The course is offered in July (if you are interested in other dates, consult the Administration of the Colegio).

## EXTRA-INTENSIVE SPANISH LANGUAGE

This course is perfect for students who wish to start learning Spanish or improve their knowledge of the Spanish language and the Spanish and Hispanic American Cultures in a quick and effective way, since it combines the general Spanish language classes with culture sessions, in any case using a dynamic, varied and interactive methodology.

The courses are offered during July, August and September for two-week periods with a total of 60 sessions, distributed in six hours daily from Mondays to Fridays.

## COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS SPANISH

Aimed towards executives, students who study Business or persons interested in learning and developing the necessary linguistic skills in the business area worldwide.

## CONVERSATION COURSE

Aimed towards those students who need to acquire a higher grade of confidence or fluency in their oral expression and solve problems, both in pronunciation, lexic and grammar as socio-cultural and pragmatic which might interfere in their communication with Spanish-speakers.

## SPANISH AND HISPANIC AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE

The aim of this course is to widen the knowledge of the students on the Hispanic world through an approach to History, Geography, Literature, Art, Traditions, Politics, Economy, etc. and its incidence on the language.

## COMPOSITION, WRITING AND SPELLING

This course is aimed to acquire a higher skill in written expression and interaction, and, in that way, to widen the knowledge of the language in general.



## FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF SPANISH GRAMMAR

This course deals with those aspects of the Spanish Grammar which present a higher difficulty for students and Spanish language teachers (the subjunctive, difference between imperfect past and historic past tenses, values of the prepositions, differences between *por* and *para*, uses of *ser* and *estar*, verbal periphrasis, and aspects of spoken Spanish, etc.).

## IMPROVE YOUR SPANISH

This course is aimed towards those students who need or wish to reinforce their knowledge of Spanish, either as a complement for their Spanish Language classes or as a support for their university studies.

## SPANISH COURSE ONLINE (VIA SKYPE)

This course has been designed specially for those persons who wish to learn, improve or practice their Spanish and are unable to travel or to combine their training with their personal life (studies, work, family).



## JUNIOR PROGRAM (13-17 years)

This program has been designed in such a way that its participants can enjoy learning Spanish both during courses as well as during the extra-curricular activities which are included. It is aimed towards young students who wish to start learning Spanish or widen their knowledge during their stay in our country.

The course is taught using an essentially communicative methodology with dynamic, varied and interactive classes and work during which teachers take into account the ages and needs of these students.

It is offered during the month of July and has 20 sessions weekly (from 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m., Mondays to Fridays). During the afternoons (every day from 4.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.), students participate in the different extra-curricular activities specially designed for them (sport, movies, cultural visits, trips, etc.).

This program can be taken during one, two, three or four weeks.

## FAMILY PROGRAM

The program for families *all included*, has been specifically designed for those parents who wish to enjoy a linguistic stay in our city together with their children, combining classes with extra-curricular activities, all this in a dynamic, attractive, and participating manner and an atmosphere of confidence where the age group of the participants will not be an obstacle for their learning process.

The program, which can be taken during one or two weeks, includes 20 weekly sessions of class in the mornings, extra-curricular activities in the afternoons, and lodging in the option chosen.

The minimum age of the minors to participate in this program is 8 years.



## SENIOR PROGRAM (50+)

This program is aimed towards persons over 50 years who wish to start learning or widen their knowledge of the Spanish language and Spanish and Hispanic American cultures.

The course has an essentially communicative methodology where the age groups and needs of these students are taken into account. It has been designed in a such a way that its participants will enjoy learning Spanish both during courses as well as during the extra-curricular activities included in the program.

The program has 20 sessions weekly (from 9.00a.m. to 1.00p.m., Mondays to Fridays). Every afternoon, between 4.00p.m. and 6.00p.m., students will participate in the different extra-curricular activities specially designed for them (sport, movies, cultural and gastronomic visits, trips to places of historical-artistic interest, etc.).

This program can be taken during one or two weeks.



## TRAINING PROGRAM

This course has been designed to combine the Spanish Language courses with training periods in Spanish companies related to the education of the students.

Students who chose this option will attend the Normal Intensive Course in the mornings (4 sessions daily) and have their training in the afternoons.

To be able to take this program students should have at least a B1 level of Spanish Language.

Both the training and the course will be taken during at least 4 weeks. If the training period is longer than 4 weeks, students can continue with the combination of course and training or continue their training the full working day.

Important: the training will not be paid for.

# MINI-STAYS



Since its foundation, the Colegio de España has established short linguistic and cultural programs with High Schools, Lyceums, Colleges, etc. which include both the course and extra-curricular activities, as well as the lodging for students and accompanying teachers.

These programs are designed according to the academic requirements and interests of each group.

## SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSE

Normally the course has 20 sessions weekly (all levels).

The start date of the course will be adapted to the needs of each program. On their first day of class, all students will take a placement test to determine their levels. The course includes the class material.

On their last day of courses, students will receive an Attendance Certificate of Study.

If the group wishes, the course can have specific contents (DELE preparation, Business Spanish, etc.) and students can obtain university credits (granted by the *Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca*).

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Courses are complemented with the activities which are aimed, on the one hand, to improve their knowledge of the language and, on the other hand, give them an approach to the Spanish culture and traditions.

### Tours of the city:

On their first day of the course the Colegio offers all groups, free of charge, a general tour of the city of Salamanca which will allow students to have an initial contact with the historical-monumental area of the city.

If the group wishes to do so, the Colegio can organize visits to specific monuments (Cathedrals, University, *San Esteban* Convent, etc.).

### Trips:

Normally the trips organized are one-day trips to cities of historical-artistic interest such as Madrid, El Escorial, Ávila-Segovia, Toledo, Astorga-León, etc.

If the group wishes to do so, we can organize trips for 3 or 5 days (Galicia, Andalucía, etc.).

### Theatre Class:

This class is adapted to the different levels of language and taught by music or scenic art teachers.

### Conferences:

The main aim of the conferences is to help students understand current events during their stay, and/or try to give them a better approach to the cultural trips programmed by the group (The Holy Week in Spain, the *Camino de Santiago*, Velázquez at the Prado Museum, Dalí and Picasso at the Reina Sofía Museum, etc.).

### Other activities:

To achieve a greater approach to the customs of the country, the Colegio offers: breakfast "*Chocolate con churros*", "*Tapas*" tour, dinners at a typical wine cellar or restaurant, singing or dance classes, etc.

Cultural and/or playful activities with Spanish students.

\*\*\* During all activities the group will be accompanied by teachers or coaches of the school and, during the tours and trips, by Spanish Art teachers or official tourist guides.

## LODGING

To achieve a greater immersion into the Spanish language and daily life, students normally stay with host families, even though other options are available (university residence, hotel, etc.).

The Colegio provides the lodging of the accompanying teachers in the options chosen by them.

## PICK-UP SERVICE AT THE AIRPORT

The Colegio de España can offer the group the transfer service (Airport-Salamanca and Salamanca -Airport).

If you wish to receive more information on these programs, contact [info@colegioespana.com](mailto:info@colegioespana.com) and we will send you a more detailed sample program as soon as possible.



Over 40 years of experience working with groups



Budgets adapted to the needs of each program



Courses with University Credits



Wide variety of extra-curricular activities





Close to the center  
Variety of options  
Linguistic and cultural  
immersion  
Familiar atmosphere



## INFORMATION

The Colegio de España not only makes a great effort to guarantee the maximum quality of its courses, but also to make the stay of our students as perfect as possible in all ways, therefore we consider it a priority to offer them a comfortable and nice lodging.

All lodgings have been carefully selected both for their comfort and security as well as for their proximity to the centre of the city, and, therefore, to our school (between 5-15 minutes walking).

The price of the lodging includes all common expenses (electricity, water, taxes, etc.).

The payment of the lodging should be submitted together with the tuition to the Administration of the Colegio.

The Colegio de España offers students the possibility to change their lodgings if, for any reason, they are not be satisfied with the chosen option. In this case, students should contact the Administration of the Colegio as soon as possible.

To make a reservation, students should indicate on their enrollment form the date of arrival and the date of departure from Salamanca. If students wish to extend their stays, they should inform the Administration.

Students staying with a host family, at a flat or residence should contact the owners or persons in charge to let them know their time of arrival to Salamanca (all contact information will be sent by email after students have confirmed their reservation). Students staying at a hotel can go directly to the hotel.

## SPANISH HOST FAMILY

To stay with a family is the most appropriate option for students who are looking for a complete immersion into Spanish life and culture. The host families have been collaborating with the Colegio for many years and have been selected for their hospitality in order to ensure students a pleasant and useful stay.

The options to stay with a host family are:

- Option A: single room and half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).
- Option B: double room and half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).
- Option C: single room and full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Option D: double room and full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

On the first day, host families will give students the keys. During their stay students will have the same freedom as in a flat, i.e. they have no curfews (except for those minor who do not have the permission of their parents or guardians).

Students should respect the general cohabitation rules and schedules for meals.

The laundry service is not included. Students who wish to have their laundry done, should inform their host family.

\*\*\*Important: if students have any kinds of allergies, illnesses, etc. which they consider relevant, this should be indicated on the enrollment form or communicated to the host family.

# LODGING

## SHARED FLAT

Lodging at a shared flat is the best option for students who are used to having a greater freedom and independence. As for all other options, the Colegio has carefully selected the flats to ensure students a nice stay.

The Colegio offers two options to live at a shared flat:

- Option A: single room
- Option B: double room (only available when two students come together).

The main choice of the flats have between two and four bedrooms and common areas (bathroom, kitchen, living room).

Before the arrival of the students, the whole flat will be cleaned. During their stay students should maintain clean their rooms and common areas.

All flats are fully equipped (kitchen utensils, TV, washing machine, sheets, etc.), students must only bring towels for personal use.

On the first day, students will receive a key to the flat, which should be returned to the owner upon departure.

The rent of the room is exclusively for the student (it is not allowed to add any other person). If students wish to have someone else in their room, they should pay the corresponding supplement.

\*\*\*Important: students who chose this option should respect the habits and schedules in Spain (after midnight it is not allowed to make noise), apart from maintaining the flat clean and organized (especially the common areas).



## PRIVATE FLAT

The lodging at a private flat is the ideal option for those students who try to have a greater privacy during their stay in Salamanca.

The private flat normally has one or two rooms only to be used by the student or together with his/her family members.

The main part of these lodgings have been recently renovated and have new, comfortable and functional furniture, ideal for short or longer stays.

These lodgings all dispose of bedclothes (eiderdowns and blankets), towels for personal use and fully equipped kitchen: most lodgings have internet connection (WIFI).

Some of these lodgings have parking lots and allow pets. In both cases students should inform us beforehand.



## RESIDENCES Y HOTELS

As to the other options, the university residences, hotels and hostels are situated in the city centre within less than 15 minutes walking distance from the Colegio.

The options for this type of lodging are the following:

- Option A: single room and full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Option B: double room and full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Option C: single room and half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).
- Option D: double room and half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

The reservation for this type of lodging should be done sufficient time beforehand, otherwise the Colegio cannot assure the availability of the rooms for the chosen dates.

If the lodging chosen is at a residence, students should contact the residence to inform them on their time of arrival in Salamanca.

All contact information for the lodging chosen will be sent to the student by e-mail, once the Colegio has confirmed the booking.



To obtain more information on private flats, studios, residences, hotels or other types of lodging, contact the Administration of the Colegio at [info@colegioespana.com](mailto:info@colegioespana.com)



Throughout the whole year the Colegio organizes a wide variety of cultural activities which help students to complement and improve their knowledge of both the Spanish language as the culture and traditions.

On the first day of course, all students will receive a program with the activities of the month (both those free of charge and those which have to be paid for), as well as information on the activities organized by the city of Salamanca.



## TRIPS

One-day trips to: a Segovia, León, Burgos, El Escorial-Ávila, Madrid, Astorga-León, La Alberca-Miranda del Castañar and Ciudad Rodrigo among others.

Three-days trips to: Galicia, Madrid-Toledo, Portugal, etc.

Five-days trips to: Andalucía (Sevilla, Córdoba and Granada).

Camino de Santiago: one stage with a support bus.

Trekking: Natural Park of Monfragüe, Las Batuecas, Valle del Jerte, Arribes del Duero, etc.

The price of the trips include, apart from the transport in private bus and the entrance fees of the monuments visited, a complete program with the itinerary and the services of an Art Teacher or official tourist guide.

During the trips of more than one day, the price also includes the nights at a hotel (lodging and breakfast).

Apart from the above mentioned trips, the Colegio can organize any other trips related to any specific event or on demand of the students.

\*\*\*Important: to guarantee any of these trips, a minimum of participants is required.



The Colegio also organizes **CONFERENCES** (art, history, some event or festivity), speeches, **MOVIE CYCLES**, **TOURS OF THE CITY**, **THEATRE CLASS** (with scenic art specialists), etc.

Students from our school can also participate in the cycles of conferences, concerts, cultural trips, etc., organized throughout the whole year by the Cultural Institution "*Alfonso X el Sabio*" and with whom the Colegio has a close relationship.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

To stimulate the relationships and contact between students, as well as making them aware of the Spanish gastronomy and other Spanish traditions, the Colegio organizes other types of activities, such as:

- Cooking class, dinners at wine cellars, tapas tour, tasting of typical products, etc.
- Sport activities (football, basketball, tennis, horseback riding, etc.). Students can obtain discounts at different gyms in the city, presenting the Student Card of the Colegio.
- Dance class (flamenco, salsa, etc.), traditional singing classes, performances of the University Tuna.
- Interchanges with Spanish students.
- Welcome/Goodbye parties.



During all activities students will be accompanied by teachers or coaches from the school and, during the trips and tours, by Art History teachers or official tourist guides.

Guided tours of Salamanca  
Trips to other cities  
Theatre class  
Dinners at typical wine cellars or restaurant in the area  
Cooking class  
Sport activities  
Linguistic interchanges

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS



## BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL

### STUDENT VISA

To obtain the student visa, students should present their enrollment or confirmation of the Colegio de España at the Embassy or Consulate of their home country.

Students from countries inside the Schengen Area (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Letonia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom) do not need any visa to enter Spain.

### TOURIST MEDICAL INSURANCE

The Colegio recommends that all students have a medical insurance during their stay (except for students members of the European Union who have the European Health Insurance Card).

If students wish to take this service at the Colegio de España, it should be indicated before their arrival or requested at the Administration of the school on the first day of course.

The medical insurance includes medical assistance (medical treatment, hospitalization, etc.), individual accidents, lost luggage, etc. It does not include dental treatments.

### PICK-UP SERVICE AT THE AIRPORT

The Colegio offers a pick-up service (*taxi*) directly from the airport: if students wish to take this service, a representative from the centre will pick them up upon arrival.

The information on this service (driver and contact number) will be sent to the students before their arrival in Spain.

Students who are interested in having this service should contact the Administration of the Colegio at [info@colegioespana.com](mailto:info@colegioespana.com).

## AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL

As indicated on the information for lodging (pages 11 and 12), students should contact the host family, landlord, etc. to inform them on their approximate time of arrival.

In Salamanca, both at the train station as the bus station, there are taxi stops.



**Office Hours of the Colegio de España**  
Mondays to Thursdays: 8:45am. to 2:00p.m. and 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.  
Fridays: 8:45a.m. to 2:00p.m. (afternoons closed)