UNIVERSITY PATHWAY IN VALENCIA

Step-by-step path to Spanish higher education

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Valencia

The ideal academic environment

Spain offers exceptional opportunities to pursue **globally recognised university degrees and master's programmes**, and Valencia stands out as an ideal destination for international students.

The city combines a vibrant, cosmopolitan atmosphere with safety and an easy Mediterranean lifestyle. Families appreciate Valencia as a reliable environment where students can enjoy independence with peace of mind.

The city is one of Spain's leading academic centres and home to the **University of Valencia** and the **Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV)**, both internationally recognised for their innovation, global outlook and academic excellence.

With more than **300 days of sunshine per year**, large green areas such as the Turia Gardens, urban beaches and a reasonable cost of living, Valencia provides an ideal setting for academic focus and quality of life.

Every year, thousands of international students choose Valencia for its safe, stimulating and student-friendly atmosphere.

Why study at Español Ih Valencia?

With over **20 years of experience**, Español specialises in preparing international students to successfully access the Spanish higher education system.

Our school is located in the city centre, in the Palacio de los Fernández de Córdova, a unique Gothic building in Valencia's historic centre, where modern classrooms coexist with 11th-century Arab walls.

We are members of **International House World Organisation** and accredited by the Instituto Cervantes and **IALC**, ensuring high academic standards and quality teaching.

97–100% of our students pass their exams

Small groups and personalised tutoring

Admission support

Español maintains an official and operational academic partnership with the Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV).

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They helped me understand the Spanish university system step by step and choose the right subjects for my degree. The guidance made the whole process clear and much less stressful."

Olena Kovalenko, Ukraine

This collaboration ensures that our academic support and preparation are fully aligned with university standards, administrative procedures and subject requirements. Students benefit from accurate, practical and up-to-date advice, allowing them to plan their academic future with confidence.

Our University Pathway also provides **full counselling for all higher education options in Spain**, always adapted to the student's academic profile and goals.

Each student receives personalised academic mentoring based on grades, access routes and cut-off marks. Support includes degree selection, strategic planning, application management and assistance with diploma recognition, sworn translations and apostilles, continuing until **final university matriculation.**

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How the University Pathway works

STEP 1 Improve your Spanish

Before starting university preparation, students must reach a **B2 level of Spanish**.

This is achieved through our **Intensive Spanish courses (20 lessons per week)**, which prepare students for both academic studies and everyday life in Spain.

STEP 2 Prepare for the university entrance exam

Once students have a good command of Spanish, they move on to the academic phase. Depending on their academic background, some students may be able to access university directly without taking the PAU/PCE exams.

When the entrance exam is required, students prepare the PAU/PCE, Spain's official university access exam for degrees with higher entry requirements. They choose 2 to 6 subjects (at least 4 are recommended), with guided subject selection based on the chosen degree and university.

Preparation is fully personalised. Students complete an initial academic assessment and follow an individual study plan with a personal tutor, continuous evaluation and regular feedback. The course runs until May, preparing students for the June exam session, with an additional session available in September.

"The teachers and staff provided very attentive support, taking time every day to check whether I had any questions and offering opportunities for individual guidance."

Yuka Morikawa
Japan

STEP 3

Get your qualification and select your university

The final access mark combines 60% of upper-secondary school grades and 40% of the university entrance exam (PAU). The maximum score is 14 points, with 5 points considered a pass.

Each degree has its own cut-off mark (usually between 5 and 13.8), which changes every year depending on demand. With the final mark, students can apply to up to five universities.

STEP 4

Welcome to the Spanish university life!

Admission results are published in summer. Once accepted, students confirm their place and begin their university studies in Spain.

In Valencia, I met friends from all over the world as well as local Valencian students. That mix helped me practise Spanish every day and feel part of the city, not just an international student passing through."

Lucas Martin, France

Subjects to choose for the exam

Students choose their subjects according to the degree they want to study, and we advise them individually on what to select before the academic training.

Type of subjects	Science	Humanities	Social sciences	Arts
General core subjects	Spanish language and literature / History of Spain / The history of philosophy Foreign language: German, French, English, Italian or Portuguese			
Subjects based on speciality	Mathematics II Mathematics CCSS	Latin / Foreign language Mathematics CCSS		Artistic drawing The history of art
Optional core subjects	Biology / Physics Technical drawing Geology / Chemistry	Company and business model design Geography / The history of art		Design / Art fundamentals The history of art

Accommo-dation

A comfortable living environment is essential for academic success.

Español offers carefully selected accommodation options, all meeting high quality standards and located close to the school.

Staying in the school accommodation made a big difference for me. It gave me stability, comfort and a safe environment, allowing me to focus fully on my studies and enjoy life in Valencia."

Emily Thompson
USA

Students can choose to stay in our accommodation **for the full duration of the programme or just for the first weeks**, giving them time to settle in, get to know the city and decide what suits them best. We are flexible and take great care in selecting, maintaining and supporting all accommodation options.

Resiolé Residences

Our modern student residences, exclusive to Español students, offer a safe and comfortable environment within walking distance of the school. They are ideal for settling in quickly, focusing on studies and enjoying student life from day one.

Host families

An excellent option for cultural immersion. Living with a host family allows students to practise Spanish daily and experience local traditions in a welcoming environment.mealtimes.

Shared apartments

Ideal for students seeking more independence, shared apartments offer the chance to live with other international students and enjoy a flexible lifestyle in central or well-connected areas.

Dates, fees & key details

Note on access

University admission depends on each student's academic background. Some students may access university directly once their diploma is officially recognised.

Others, especially those applying for highly competitive degrees, may need to take the official **PAU/PCE** university entrance exams.

Start of course

	Study weeks	Total price
From January (11/01/27) until May 2027 Suited for advanced students (B2+)	**20 weeks**	**3.140,00 €**
From August (09/08/27) until May 2028 Suited for beginner students (A0 - A1)	**40 weeks**	**5.880,00 €**
From September (06/09/27) until May 2028 Suited for intermediate students (A2 - B1)	**36 weeks**	**5.490,00 €**
From October (04/10/27) until May 2028 Suited for intermediate students (A2 - B1)	**32 weeks**	**4.880,00 €**

Other starting dates throughout the academic year are available upon request at a special rate of €150 per week.

Please, contact us for other available start dates.

The course ends in late May, and the PAU exam period takes place at the beginning of June. Admission support continues until July. Please note that paperwork fees and other university expenses are not included.

What the course includes

- 20 weekly lessons of Spanish language training or academic subjects with the duration of each component adapted to the student's Spanish level.
- Personalised tutoring and academic support.
- Full guidance throughout the university admission process (Paperwork costs and other university expenses are not included).

Levels

Students may join the language training as complete beginners. However, a minimum B2 level is required to begin the academic preparation phase (as requested by the Common European Framework of Reference for languages).

Timetable

Spanish courses:
Monday to Friday in the morning
(09.10 – 13.00)
or in the afternoon
(14.10 – 15.50).

Academic training:
Monday to Friday in the morning
(10.00 – 13.00)
and two days of extra hours in the afternoon
(16.30 – 19.00).

* The course will be paused for the New Year holidays from 18/12/27 to 02/01/28.

Extra support

Initial consultation and admission strategy	**157,50 €**
Complete enrollment management	
• Public university	**920,00 €**
• Private university	**820,00 €**
• Private vocational training	**735,00 €**
Degree recognition	**385,00 €**

Enrolment

To enrol/start on the course we need the following documentation:

1. **Completed enrolment form.**
2. **Photocopy** of your valid passport or NIE (I.D. letter for foreigners).
3. **Official academic certificates**, which show the subjects and corresponding grades, from upper secondary studies or at an equivalent level, certified by the school where you completed your studies or by the Spanish Consulate.
4. **Documentation should be correctly translated by**:
   - by a sworn translator in Spain, or
   - by a professional translator in your country, whose translation must then be additionally certified by the Spanish Consulate.

Important
All the documentation must be apostilled in student's original country and then translated.

Information & enrolments

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