



Escuela de español



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University pathway 2025

Step-by-step path
to Spanish University

Spanish courses in Valencia



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Españolé International House is located in the very centre of wonderful Valencia, a seaside city with many centuries of rich history. This is where a huge part of Spanish gastronomy has its origins, where history meets modernism and traditional festivals are still alive.

Multicultural Valencia receives thousands of foreign students annually in its universities. Universidad de Valencia and Universidad Politécnica are among the best universities in the world along with other Spanish universities such as Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Universidad de Barcelona and Universidad de Navarra.

For many years we have been preparing international students to enter into Spanish universities, 99% of these students successfully passed their exams and now study in universities all over Spain.

Preparation for university

This course is designed for foreign students who wish to complete a university degree in Spain. To achieve this, they must first pass an entry exam.

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

Who is this course for?

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

What is the exam?

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

Quality assurance

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



We work in conjunction with Universidad Europea.



Start of course

Level	Language training	Academic training
Beginners A0-A1	04/08/25 - 19/12/25	05/01/26 - 22/05/26
Intermediate A2-B1	04/08/25 - 24/10/25	27/10/25 - 22/05/26 *
Fluent B2+	29/09/25 - 19/12/25	05/01/26 - 22/05/26

Other starting dates are available on request.

Course includes

20 weekly lessons on different subjects + tutoring. Help with the university admission process (Paperwork costs and other university expenses are not included).

Levels

You need to have a minimum level of B2 in Spanish at the time of starting the academic training (as requested by the Common European Framework of Reference for languages).

Timetable

Language training: Monday to Friday (09:10 - 13:00 or 14:10 - 18:00)
Academic training: Monday to Friday (09:30 - 13:30)
* The course will be paused for the New Year holidays from 19/12/25 to 04/01/26.

Subjects to choose for the exam

Students choose their subjects depending on the requirements of their preferred university and we speak individually with every student before starting the academic preparation course.

Type of subjects	Science	Humanities	Social sciences	Arts
General core subjects		Spanish language and literature. History of Spain. Foreign language: French, English		
Subjects based on speciality	Mathematics	Latin/ foreign language	Applied mathematics for social sciences	Art fundamentals/ The history of art
Optional core subjects	Biology. Technical drawing Physics. Geology. Chemistry	Business economics. Geography. The history of art. The history of philosophy		Design



STEP 1

Improve your Spanish

Before starting your preparation for the university entrance exam (PAU), you should reach a B2 level of Spanish. To improve quickly you can join our Intensive courses of 20 or 25 lessons per week. From total beginner it will take at least 24 weeks to reach B2 level.

Our Intensive Spanish courses will help you not only to prepare to access university but also for

your new life in Spain. You will become immersed in Spanish language and culture, learn how people use the language in real life, how they speak to each other in the street and how they socialise.

You will develop skills that you can immediately practice outside the classroom.



STEP 2

Prepare for the university entrance exam

Once you have a good command of Spanish you're ready to start preparing the different subjects for the entrance exam (PAU). You should choose the subjects from the table in the bottom left. They can be between 2 and 6, we recommend that you take at least 4 and we will help you choose depending on the studies you would like to take and the university you want to access, as they are valued in a different way.

Before starting the preparation course, we will test

your general knowledge of the different subjects, this way we can start working at the level which is best for you.

The course is prepared especially for your individual needs, with your own programme. Your personal tutor will explain the contents and you can discuss your objectives together, your teachers will motivate you daily, using evaluations. These evaluations will allow us to focus on areas where you need extra help.



STEP 3

Get your qualification and select your university

The average between the grades from upper-secondary education (60%) and the grade achieved in the university entrance exam (PAU) (40%) will give you your final mark: the higher the grade the more options you will have to select the degree and university.

The maximum mark for accessing to university in Spain is 14 points. A pass is considered from 5 points. Depending on the university and studies,

the grade to access (base grade) can range. This grade changes every year depending on the number of places offered.

Once you get your final marks, you are eligible to apply to multiple university degree programmes at different universities throughout Spain. As for the Valencia Community, you can apply up to 20 different university degrees.



STEP 4

Welcome to the Spanish university life!

At the end of July you will know where you have been accepted and can start preparing for your new life!





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. An officially confirmed B2 level in Spanish, as requested by the Common European Framework of Reference for languages. It is possible to do an intensive language course in Spanish before the university preparation course starts.
5. Documentation should be correctly translated by:
 - A sworn (certified) translator in Spain, or
 - Any diplomatic representation or Spanish consulate abroad, or
 - Any diplomatic or consulate representation in Spain (from your country of origin or where your document was originally conceived).

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



Yuya

Before studying abroad, my Spanish level was around A2-B1, but through the Spanish course, I was able to improve to B2.

After completing the Spanish course, I started the academic preparation program, where I chose English, Mathematics, Chemistry, and Biology. In Biology, in particular, the teacher highlighted the key points, allowing me to focus on them and achieve a high score on the entrance exam. I struggled a bit with English classes, but the pace of the lessons suited me well. For self-study, I only used the school's materials. The teachers and staff provided excellent support, checking in with me daily to see if I had any questions and offering personalized assistance.

Afterward, I enrolled in Ciencias Ambientales (Environmental Science). Many of the first-year courses were a review of high school material, so I was able to understand them to a certain extent.

For future students, my advice is: if you are still in high school, take a good look at how hard your peers are studying and keep that image in your mind. Most importantly, be prepared to dedicate yourself fully for one year to university entrance exam preparation.



Sofya

In five months of studying in the language part of the program, I was able to improve my level from A2 to B2. This has been an unforgettable experience in my life: I had the opportunity to meet many interesting people from different countries, become friends with many teachers, learn more about Spanish culture and traditions, and, of course, achieve a level of Spanish that not only allowed me to communicate with native speakers but also to study at a university and feel comfortable in a foreign country.

To enroll in the university for my chosen field, I had to take entrance exams in subjects such as Economics, English, Geography, and Mathematics for Social Sciences. The program provided me with all the necessary materials and resources, which allowed me to prepare in just five months. Some subjects were taught to me individually by a teacher, while for others, we prepared together in a group with other students.

At first, I doubted whether I would be able to prepare for entrance exams in a foreign language in such a short period, but in the end, my exam scores were much higher than expected, giving me the opportunity to choose between several degree programs. I was accepted into the Universidad de Valencia, Faculty of Economics, majoring in Tourism.

Information & enrolments

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