

# Spring courses 2025

SPANISH IN SPRING

from January to May 2025



## Course description

The Spring Course at the Centro de Idiomas of the University of Valladolid, offers a core Language and Culture subject (common to all students), along with different specialized pathways. These include **Spanish-Plus, Arts, Business, and Healthcare.**

In addition, we offer a **specialized course in the methodology and didactics of teaching Spanish as a second language.**

## Content

### SPANISH-PLUS PATHWAY

-Language and culture: **255 hours (15 hours per week; 17 weeks)**

This course aims to help that students improve their Spanish linguistic skills and apply their knowledge to understand and express themselves in real-life communicative situations. It is mainly designed for students whose mother tongue is not a Romance language or who are primarily interested in making significant progress.

The goal is to provide more opportunities to deepen their skills through intensive practice. Participants will focus on improving their spoken fluency and oral comprehension. In addition, they will expand their vocabulary and improve their grammar through interactive and dynamic activities. This collaborative learning atmosphere undeniably boosts students' confidence.



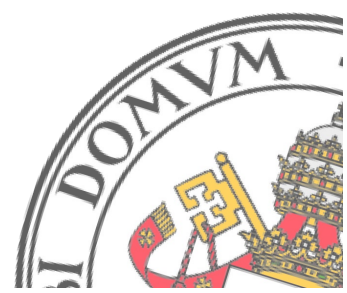
## PATHWAYS: ARTS, BUSINESS AND HEALTHCARE

In these **three pathways**, a common core subject of Language and Culture is offered. These sessions are designed for students who wish to learn Spanish and improve their skills while exploring Spanish culture. Through interactive activities, students learn grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, while developing their skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing, gaining confidence and fluency in the language. The course is adapted to different proficient levels, from beginner to advanced.

In addition, a cultural focus is incorporated through authentic materials such as songs, films, as our goal is not only to teach the language but also to foster intercultural understanding, enabling students to interact respectfully and empathetically in a diverse world. Not only do students improve their language but they also gain a broader perspective on the cultural diversity of the Spanish-speaking world.

### ARTS PATHWAY: Literature, History and Art: 85 hours (+ 170 hours of language and culture)

This course offers students the opportunity to improve their Spanish language skills through specific cultural content related to history, literature, and art in both Spanish and Hispano-American contexts. Furthermore, since Valladolid boasts a rich artistic and historical heritage, a large section of this pathway is dedicated to exploring its artistic and cultural expressions, which students engage with in their daily lives.



## BUSINESS PATHWAY

- Language and culture: 170 hours (10 hours per week)
- Spanish for Business: 85 hours

In this course, students acquire the vocabulary and linguistic resources needed to succeed in this professional field. Topics range from writing a resumé and role-playing a job interview to understanding the business activities of a company (such as company types, internal organisation and trade fairs).

This content is taught through presentations, hands-on exercises (both individual and group), and authentic materials from textbooks and media sources. Likewise, current news related to this field is used to contextualize the language in a more realistic approach.

## HEALTHCARE PATHWAY

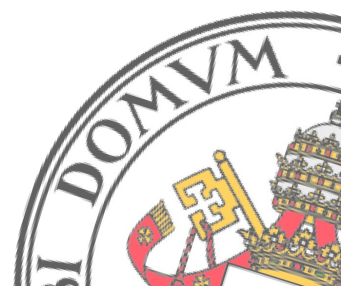
Language and culture: 170 hours (10 hours a week)

Spanish for Healthcare: 85 hours

This course includes activities, tasks, and real-life situations with a communicative and task-based approach. Special emphasis is placed on learning specific medical terminology. Classes are dynamic, with a variety of communicative activities allowing students to practice all language skills and use the necessary lexical, grammatical, and functional resources to communicate effectively. For example, students may work on a practical case study alongside a faculty member from the University of Valladolid's School of Medicine.

## Course in the methodology and didactics of teaching Spanish as a second language

This course is aimed at teachers or teachers-in-training, interested in working, reflecting on, and deepening both the linguistic and cultural aspects of the Spanish E/LE syllabus according to CEFR. This course is designed as an active learning space where students can participate and interact, ensuring that both the contents and lesson dynamics promote the learning and development of strategies and resources to be later use in their classes.



## Duration

This course lasts **17 weeks**, with a total of **255 hours** (15 hours per week), from **January to May**. If you wish to attend only certain content sections, please consult us.

## Timetable

Our schedule runs from approximately 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, allowing you to enjoy your afternoons and evenings for cultural and leisure activities

## Levels

A1, A2, B1, B2, and C1, according to the Common European Framework of References for Languages (CEFR).

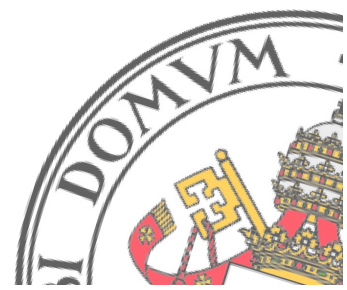
You should take an online placement test, at least, fifteen days before the start your course.

## This course includes

- A guided tour in Valladolid
- Access to the campus Wi-Fi network
- Diploma and certificate of the course
- Support staff
- Cultural activities
- Trips
- Access to university libraries

## Activities and trips

On the first day, you will enjoy a guided tour —an excellent opportunity to know the city and learn how to navigate it. A variety of activities is offered, including museums and exhibitions visits, as well as cooking, music, and cinema workshops. Additionally, activities such as games, tapas outings, conversation exchanges are designed to encourage leaning and fun. We also offer trips to renowned landmarks such as Madrid, Segovia, Salamanca, Santander, or a natural park.



## Dates

See dates on <https://fundacion.uva.es/idiomas/spanish-courses/>

## Fees

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