

SPANISH



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spanish
courses

SALAMANCA **SPAIN**

WHY DILE?

- **FOR OUR MAGNIFICENT TEACHERS**

who are dynamic, highly motivated and have expert teaching skills. They put into practice both significant teaching and the inductive approach and are the best stimulus for you to learn in a way that is both enjoyable and efficient.

- **FOR THE FLEXIBILITY OF OUR PROGRAMMES**

which allow you to choose the starting date, duration, number of class hours and content of your course.

- **FOR OUR SMALL GROUPS AND PERSONALISED TEACHING**

It is only possible to make progress, practise and enjoy fluent communication with a teacher who is always really close to you and in really small class groups. For this reason there is an average of 4 or 5 students per group and never more than 8.

- **BECAUSE DILE HAS STRICT QUALITY CONTROL**

In order to maintain the high quality of our courses, we evaluate your progress, ensure that you achieve your goals and continually update our teaching materials and methodology.

- **BECAUSE EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE AT DILE IS AT YOUR DISPOSAL**

Your welfare is of prime importance for you to make progress. For this reason, not only do we help you to make the most of your course but also with things that allow you to be immersed in the Spanish way of life: we suggest interesting activities and are at your side to help you with anything you may need.



EXPERT TEACHERS

Expert, enthusiastic and always available to help, DILE teachers have University Degrees or Masters in Spanish and have regular training which ensures that they are always up to date with the latest advances in methodology. They will help you to resolve any problems you may have and to make progress quickly, efficiently and pleasantly.

THE SCHOOL

If you have been a student of ours before, you already know that we have been dedicated to serious, efficient Spanish-teaching for many years. If you do not yet know us, we are sure that you will find countless reasons in this brochure to come to Salamanca and study at DILE. Because what is most important to us is to guarantee you a friendly, welcoming atmosphere and results that are so satisfactory that when your course ends you will already be planning to come back again.

MODERN PREMISES

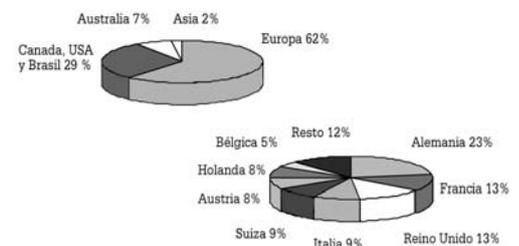
In the centre of Salamanca, just 5 minutes' walk from the Plaza Mayor, with:

- Heating and air-conditioning.
- Very pleasant classrooms, light, comfortable and perfectly adapted to suit our teaching methods.
- Library and DVD/video library containing the books and DVDs/videos you need for entertainment, for your work or your exam preparation.
- Audiovisual and computer equipment to help you to revise with the aid of the most advanced multimedia methods.
- Computers for use of the students at DILE with free Internet connection. WiFi.



OUR STUDENTS

They may be students, teachers, tourists or professionals: people who need Spanish for their studies or their work, or people who wish to learn Spanish simply out of interest or for their own enjoyment – they love our language and culture! The great variety of interests, ages and nationalities of our students make the class groups extremely interesting.



AN EFFICIENT TEACHING METHOD

Our Curriculum is adapted to the guidelines of the Instituto Cervantes, and follows two fundamental principles:

1. The student is the focal point of all our teaching.

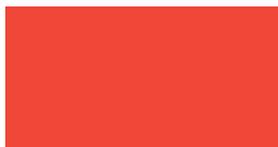
Our main aim is to be a stimulus that will help you to learn and to provide you with the tools that will allow you make Spanish an integral part of your knowledge and life. Your needs, your outlook on life, your available time and your reasons for learning Spanish are the parameters on which we base our teaching.

2. A language is, above all, a tool for communicating and for socialising.

Communication is the essence of our teaching method. We give prime importance to speaking and listening skills, but we also ensure that you gain a solid command of Spanish grammar structures and that you can write correctly in Spanish and learn about our culture.

TRULY SMALL GROUPS

We know that only with personalised teaching is it possible to develop a system that is truly communicative, efficient and intensive. Our class groups, which are organised by students' level of Spanish, are therefore very small, with an average number of 5 students and a maximum of 8.



PREPARATION FOR OFFICIAL EXAMS

If you are a motivated, responsible student, we guarantee that you will pass any exam for which you attend our preparation classes. Over many years we have achieved excellent results with preparation for the following exams:

- DELE (Diploma de Español Lengua Extranjera/"Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language").
- Diploma de Español de los Negocios ("Diploma in Business Spanish") (DILE is an official examining centre for exams of the Madrid Chamber of Commerce).
- Entrance exams for Spanish universities.
- Spanish exams of European universities.

DILE SPANISH CERTIFICATES

Students who complete a course at DILE having attended at least 95% of the lessons are awarded an attendance certificate.



8 LEVELS

On the first day of your course you will take a placement test so that DILE can evaluate your knowledge of Spanish and place you in one of the following levels:

C2 PROFICIENCY You can read any document fluently. You can express yourself in any situation by adapting your style accordingly. You understand the nuances and registers of spoken language and can take part in any conversation.

C1 UPPER-ADVANCED You can read and write all types of documents without difficulty. You can take part confidently in conversations with a variety of contents, using idioms for greater precision.

▲ ADVANCED You can understand written and aural texts well and you can express yourself confidently in everyday and professional situations. You can give opinions and discuss things with ease.

B2 UPPER-INTERMEDIATE You can understand and produce abstract texts in a given context. You can give opinions on and discuss concrete and abstract topics and manage in unexpected situations.

B1 INTERMEDIATE You can understand texts about everyday situations and topics of personal interest. You can express yourself with a certain degree of fluency in everyday and professional situations.

A2 PRE-INTERMEDIATE You can read and write simple texts. You understand questions and can give simple replies in everyday situations.

A1 ELEMENTARY You know a limited number of words and phrases, useful for expressing basic needs and asking simple questions.

▲ BEGINNER You have not studied Spanish before.

DILE Courses

DILE runs highly flexible courses so that you can find the programme that is most suitable for your requirements. But if even so you do not find what you are looking for, just tell us what you need and we will suggest a tailor-made solution for you.



STANDARD PROGRAMMES THAT RUN ALL YEAR ROUND

These courses run all year and, thanks to their great flexibility, fulfil the requirements of a large number of students, who can choose the starting date, duration of the course, number of class hours per day and course content.

SEMI-INTENSIVE COURSE

Lessons: 15 / week (3 hours / day)

- Content:
1. Study and practice of Spanish language grammar structures.
 2. Written Spanish: reading comprehension, text analysis and writing.
 3. Communication practice: listening comprehension and speaking techniques.

INTENSIVE COURSE

Lessons: 20 / week (4 hours / day)

Content: Content of Semi-Intensive Course + Conversation

INTENSIVE- PLUS COURSE

Lessons: 25 / week (5 hours / day)

Content: Content of Semi-Intensive Course + Conversation + 1 Optional Course

SUPERINTENSIVE COURSE

Lessons: 30 / week (6 hours / day)

Content: Content of Semi-Intensive Course + Conversation + 2 Optional Courses

ONE-TO-ONE COURSE

The student decides the number of lessons per day, dates and duration of the course. DILE evaluates the student's initial level of Spanish and draws up a programme according to the student's aims and how much time the student has available for the course. The student can request any of the subjects offered by DILE or topics of personal or professional interest.



OPTIONAL COURSES

1. Communication Practice
2. Composition and Text Analysis
3. Spanish and Latin American Literature
4. Spanish Culture
5. 20th Century Spain
6. Present-day Spain and Spanish
7. Business Communication
8. Business Spanish
9. Spanish for Tourism
10. Spanish-English-Spanish Translation

DELE PREPARATION COURSE

Lessons: 10 / week (2hours / day)

Duration: 2 to 6 weeks

Dates: April, May, July, August, October and November.

- Content:
1. Exam Techniques I
 2. Exam Techniques II

Students who wish to do a more intensive course (20, 25, or 30 hours per week) can enrol in extra classes of grammar, listening comprehension, written Spanish and conversation.

BUSINESS SPANISH COURSE

Lessons: 20 / week (4 hours / day)

Duration: 2 to 4 weeks

Dates: February, March, June, July and August.

- Content:
1. Study and practice of Spanish language grammar structures.
 2. Written Spanish: reading comprehension, text analysis and writing.
 3. Communication practice: listening comprehension and speaking techniques.
 4. Business Spanish I
 5. Business Spanish II



SPANISH COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- Lessons: 20 / week (4 hours / day)
Duration: 2 to 6 weeks
Dates: Starts every Monday in July and August.
Content:
1. Study and practice of Spanish language grammar structures.
 2. Written Spanish: reading comprehension, text analysis and writing.
 3. Communication practice: listening comprehension and speaking techniques.
 4. Conversation.

Includes activities and host family accommodation in a single room with full board.



DILE COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF SPANISH

- Lessons: 20 / week (4 hours / day)
Duration: 2 or 3 weeks
Dates: Starts the last Monday of July and the first Monday of August.
Content:
1. Grammar Topics: principal grammar problems of Spanish as a Foreign Language
 2. Spanish Didactics: didactic procedures for reading comprehension and writing production. Techniques for developing listening comprehension and spoken expression skills.
 3. Materials for teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language.
 4. Spanish learning and new technologies
 5. Culture as a classroom material for Spanish as a Foreign Language.
 6. Present-day Spain and Spanish:
 - Regional diversity: historical and socio-economic aspects; traditional culture.
 - Present-day Spanish society.
 - Cultural expression in present-day Spain.
 - Latin American Spanish

Includes activities and host family or student residence accommodation in a single room with full board.

3-MONTH COURSES

- Lessons: 15, 20 or 25 hours / week
Duration: 11 weeks
Dates: Start at the beginning of January, April and October
Content:
1. Study and practice of Spanish language grammar structures.
 2. Written Spanish: reading comprehension, text analysis and writing.
 3. Communication practice: listening comprehension and speaking techniques.

Students who wish to do a more intensive course can add the following to their course:

- 1 optional course - (20 hours / week)
- 2 optional courses - (25 hours / week)

ACADEMIC YEAR COURSE IN HISPANIC STUDIES WITH DELE PREPARATION

- Lessons: 20 / week (4 hours / day)
Duration: 33 weeks (October to June)
Content:
1. Study and practice of Spanish language grammar structures.
 2. Written Spanish: reading comprehension, text analysis and writing.
 3. Communication practice: listening comprehension and speaking techniques.
 4. - Spanish Culture and Present-Day Spain (October, November, December and January)
 - Spanish and Latin American Literature (February and March)
 - Business Spanish and DELE Preparation (April, May and June)

Students who wish to do a more intensive course can add an extra hour of conversation. We recommend that students with a beginner or elementary level of Spanish do the course of 25 hours per week.



SPECIAL COURSES FOR GROUPS

Special courses in collaboration with companies, universities, schools, etc. aimed at school pupils, university students, associations, company staff, etc. The course programme, activities and accommodation type are chosen in accordance with the characteristics and interests of each group. Request information and a quotation without obligation.



OUT-OF-CLASS ACTIVITIES

Having fun is an essential ingredient of any language stay programme, so when your classes end every day, you will find countless ways to enjoy Spanish life and culture:

- Conferences and cinema seasons (Monday to Thursday)
- Guided tours, visiting historical buildings and museums (e.g. the University, the two Cathedrals).
- Welcome party (first Monday of the month), end-of-course party (last Thursday of the month), dinners out with the teachers, "tapas" evenings.
- Programme of excursions for your weekends.
- Extra courses (guitar, songs, dancing).
- Sports (bowling, swimming, tennis, golf, horse-riding, football, gym).
- Events in the city (concerts, dance, theatre).



OTHER SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Tutorials to clarify any extra questions that may have arisen from your classes.
- Multimedia materials for you to do your own revision of what you have learnt in class.
- Library with lending service of books and DVDs/videos.
- DVD/video library where you will find the most important Spanish language films.
- Free Internet and WiFi connection.
- Conversation exchanges with Spanish students.
- Arrangement of your chosen accommodation, with all the details you need to make your stay a pleasant one.
- Transfer service from the airport or from Salamanca train or bus station, on request.



ACCOMMODATION HOST FAMILY

All our host families live near the school (5 to 20 minutes' walk). They have been carefully chosen and are evaluated continually in reports made by our students. Staying with a host family will help you to practise your Spanish and is a very enriching experience.

Single or shared room with half board (breakfast and lunch) or full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

STUDENT RESIDENCE

The student residences are in the city centre (5 to 15 minutes' walk from DILE). They have a youthful atmosphere and give you the chance to meet students from many different countries.

Single or shared room with half board (breakfast and lunch) or full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

STUDENT FLAT

Flats where you will share the living room, kitchen and bathroom with other students, who will usually be from other countries. They are equipped with the essentials (kitchen utensils, glasses, plates, fridge, washing machine, etc). You only need to bring your own sheets and towels.



OTHERS

If you prefer to stay in a hostel, hotel or private apartment, please consult us. We will find what you are looking for and make all the arrangements so that you can enter your accommodation as soon as you arrive.



SALAMANCA, OF COURSE

Salamanca enjoys a dry, sunny climate. It is surrounded by scenery and towns and cities of great beauty: it is just 200 km. from Madrid, León, Segovia and Burgos; Portugal is just one hour's drive away.

Moreover, Salamanca is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. It is a UNESCO World Heritage City and was Culture Capital of Europe in 2002 for its great humanist tradition, its historical and cultural richness and its cultural dynamism.

Salamanca is the university city par excellence: the thousands of students that fill its streets give a youthful, modern, cosmopolitan and cultured air to the city which, together with the perfect, elegant its inhabitants are known to speak, make Salamanca the ideal place to learn Spanish.



HOW TO TRAVEL TO SALAMANCA

There are trains and coaches that travel to Salamanca from various cities in Europe, but the easiest way is by plane. The nearest airports are Madrid-Barajas and Valladolid. When DILE confirms your enrolment you will be sent information about your accommodation, a street plan of Salamanca and all the information you need on how to travel to Salamanca from the airport. However, if you would like DILE to arrange a transfer service from you directly from the airport to your accommodation address in Salamanca, you can request this service.



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