

COURSE



WINTER 2023 / ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Academic Program



In-Person and
online courses

January-March

General Course Information

Methodology

All of our courses adhere to an interactive and dynamic methodology that aims to help you become a part of the Spanish-speaking community and to help you transform your linguistic and cultural identity through new experiences. Language is the tool that allows you to express yourself effectively both orally and in writing as you utilize a variety of linguistic and non-linguistic resources such as grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, textual genres, and sociocultural knowledge, to name a few.

Language in the Classroom

Spanish is the language used to communicate in the classroom from the first day of class and at all levels. This expectation encourages you to speak in your new language from the beginning in order to gradually gain self-confidence.

Faculty

Our teaching team is composed of highly qualified professionals from a variety of Spanish-speaking countries.

Levels and Sublevels

Instituto Cervantes Los Angeles' curriculum is structured around the six levels of reference established by the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#): A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 y C2.

Each of these levels is subdivided into a series of courses that must be passed in order to reach mastery for that level. Each course is 30 hours long.

To enroll in any course higher than A1.1, you either must have already studied previously at Instituto Cervantes Los Angeles, or you must complete a placement test to help us match you to the course that best suits you.

LEVEL	COURSES WITHIN THE LEVEL					
A1	A1.1 (30 hrs)	A1.2 (30 hrs)	A1.3 (30 hrs)			
A2	A2.1 (30 hrs)	A2.2 (30 hrs)	A2.3 (30 hrs)	A2.4 (30 hrs)		
B1	B1.1 (30 hrs)	B1.2 (30 hrs)	B1.3 (30 hrs)	B1.4 (30 hrs)	B1.5 (30 h)	
B2	B2.1 (30 hrs)	B2.2 (30 hrs)	B2.3 (30 hrs)	B2.4 (30 hrs)	B2.5 (30 h)	B2.6 (30 hrs)

General Objectives

LEVEL A1

Courses A1.1 + A1.2 + A1.3

- Upon completing this level, you will be able to understand and employ commonly used, everyday expressions as well as simple sentences meant to satisfy immediate needs.
- You will be able to introduce yourself and others, as well as request and provide personal information regarding your home, your belongings, and the people you know.
- You will be able to converse on a very basic level so long as the other person speaks slowly, clearly, and cooperatively.

LEVEL A2

Courses A2.1 + A2.2 + A2.3 + A2.4

- Upon completing this level, you will be able to understand commonly used sentences and expressions related to areas of expertise that are especially relevant to you (basic information regarding yourself and your family, shopping, places of interest, etc.)
- You will be able to communicate in order to complete straightforward daily tasks that do not require more than simple, direct exchanges of information regarding familiar or habitual topics.
- You will be able to describe aspects of your past and your environment in simple terms, and you will be able to articulate your immediate needs.

LEVEL B1

Courses B1.1 + B1.2 + B1.3 + B1.4 + B1.5

- Upon completing this level, you will be able to understand the principle points of clear texts written in standard language on topics familiar to you, whether in work, study, or leisure situations.
- You will be able to manage the majority of situations that might arise during a trip through Spanish-speaking areas.
- You will be able to write simple and coherent texts concerning familiar topics or subjects of personal interest.
- You will be able to describe experiences, events, wishes, and aspirations, as well as briefly justify your opinions or explain your plans.

LEVEL B2

Courses B2.1 + B2.2 + B2.3 + B2.4 + B2.5 + B2.6

- Upon completing this level, you will be able to understand the principle ideas of complex texts that deal with both concrete and abstract topics, including those of a technical nature, so long as they are within your area of expertise.
- You will be able to converse with Spanish-speakers with a degree of fluency such that communication does not require any type of effort on either your part or on the part of the persons with whom you are interacting.
- You will be able to write clear and detailed texts on a wide variety of topics, and will be able to defend a point of view regarding general topics while indicating the pros and cons of the different options.

Course Materials

So that you may take full advantage of your participation in the course, you are required to obtain either a physical or digital copy of the course textbook for your level:

COURSES	TEXTBOOK
A1.1, A1.2 y A1.3	Aula Internacional 1 Plus
A2.1, A2.2, A2.3 y A2.4	Aula Internacional 2 Plus
B1.1., B1.2, B1.3, B1.4 y B1.5	Aula Internacional 3 Plus
B2.1, B2.2 y B2.3	Aula Internacional 4 Plus
B2.4, B2.5 y B2.6	Aula Internacional 5 Plus

Textbooks are available for you to purchase at: <https://klettwl.com/store/content/losangeles-cervantes>.

Enrollment Process

Students Without Prior Spanish Language Experience

If you have never received any spanish training, please write to cursos.losangeles@cervantes.org for further information on next steps.

Students With Prior Spanish Language Experience

If you have previous Spanish experience but have not studied at Instituto Cervantes Los Angeles, you may confirm your level by providing us with a DELE diploma for your corresponding level, or by completing a placement test.

This test aims to determine, as precisely as possible, your real Spanish language level when you express yourself or interact orally and in writing. The results will allow us to assign you to the course that will best fit your learning needs.

To request a placement test, please email us at cursos.losangeles@cervantes.org with the following information:

- Full name
- Email address
- Phone number
- Your availability and/or schedule preference for the test: morning (between 10 AM and 12 PM) or afternoon (between 2 PM and 4 PM)

Placement Test

All placement tests are conducted online and consist of two sections:

- A conversation with an instructor via Zoom (approximately 10 minutes)
- A timed writing sample of two texts (online, between 25 and 60 minutes, depending on language level)

The cost of the placement test is \$25. This fee is deductible from the final price of the course.

General Spanish Courses

In this set of courses, you will learn to communicate in both written and spoken Spanish. Through consistent exposure to real-life contexts and situations, these classes equip you with the tools to establish cross-cultural bridges within the reality of Spanish-speaking countries.

Modality: Online and In-Person.

Duration: 30 hours distributed over 10 weeks.

- In-person courses: 3-hour session, once per week.
- Online courses (weekday option): 90-minute session, twice per week.
- Online courses (weekend option): 3-hour session, once per week.

Schedule: To determine which course is right for you, you will first need to complete a placement test.

MODALITY	LEVEL	DAY	TIME	CALENDER
In-person	A1.1	Tuesday	5 PM to 8 PM	01/16/24 to 03/19/24
In-person	A1.1	Wednesday	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM	01/17/24 to 03/20/24
In-person	A1.3	Wednesday	5 PM to 8 PM	01/17/24 to 03/20/24
In-person	A2.1	Monday	5 PM to 8 PM	01/08/24 to 03/25/24
In-person	A2.3	Thursday	5 PM to 8 PM	11/01/24 to 21/03/24
In-person	B1.2	Monday	5 PM to 8 PM	01/08/24 to 03/25/24
In-person	B1.4	Tuesday	5 PM to 8 PM	01/16/24 to 03/19/24
In-person	B2.1	Wednesday	5 PM to 8 PM	01/17/24 to 03/20/24
In-person	B2.4	Thursday	5 PM to 8 PM	01/11/24 to 03/21/24
Online	A1.1	Monday & Wednesday	6:30 PM to 8 PM	01/08/24 to 03/20/24
Online	A1.1	Saturday	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM	01/13/24 to 03/16/24
Online	A1.3	Tuesday & Thursday	5 PM to 6:30 PM	01/16/24 to 03/20/24
Online	A2.1	Tuesday & Thursday	5 PM to 6:30 PM	01/16/24 to 03/20/24
Online	A2.1	Saturday	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM	01/13/24 to 03/16/24
Online	A2.3	Monday & Wednesday	6:30 PM to 8 PM	01/08/24 to 03/20/24
Online	B1.2	Tuesday & Thursday	5 PM to 6:30 PM	01/16/24 to 03/20/24
Online	B1.2	Saturday	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM	01/13/24 to 03/16/24
Online	B1.4	Monday & Wednesday	6:30 PM to 8 PM	01/08/24 to 03/20/24
Online	B2.1	Tuesday & Thursday	5 PM to 6:30 PM	01/16/24 to 03/20/24
Online	B2.1	Saturday	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM	01/13/24 to 03/16/24
Online	B2.4	Monday & Wednesday	6:30 PM to 8 PM	01/08/24 to 03/20/24

Tuition: \$750.

Enrollment Period: November 27-January 17.

Discounts:

Early Enrollment (November 27-December 8): 5%.

Bring a Friend or Family Member: 10 %.

Discounts cannot be stacked or combined.

Special Courses

Our special courses focus either on a specific component of language (for example, grammar, vocabulary, etc.); on a specific communicative activity (interactions, written or oral expression, or written and oral comprehension); or on a specific cultural aspect (film, literature, etc.).

Grammar Courses

These courses will help you improve your mastery of Spanish grammar, which will in turn help you gain confidence when communicating.

This is a hybrid course. You will work independently online through Instituto Cervantes' platform, and once a week you will meet in person with your teacher and classmates to answer questions and practice newly-learned material.

Modality: Online.

Duration: 18 hours (14 hours of independent work from home + 1st session of 1 hour + 6 sessions of 30 minutes for 6 weeks).

Dates: February 1-March 14.

Schedule:

MODALITY	COURSE	DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Online	Grammar A1 (I)	Tuesday	6:30 to 7 PM	A1.2 or higher
Online	Grammar A2 (I)	Wednesday	5 to 5:30 PM	A2.1 or higher

Tuition: \$150.

Enrollment Period: January 8-31.

Discounts:

5% if you register for this course alongside another general Spanish course.

Discounts cannot be stacked or combined.

Children's Courses

In these courses, the classroom becomes a space where children gain Spanish language and communication skills through age-appropriate games, activities, and play.

Modality: In-Person.

Duration: 40 hours (2-hour sessions, once per week for 20 weeks).

Dates: September 23-December 9.

MODALITY	COURSE	DAY	TIME
In-Person	Spanish for Spanish-speaking Heritage Speakers (7-8 years old)	Saturday	9:00 to 11:00 AM
In-Person	Spanish for Spanish-speaking Heritage Speakers (9-11 years old)	Saturday	9:00 to 11:00 AM
In-Person	Spanish for Spanish-speaking Heritage Speakers (12-15 years old)	Saturday	9:00 to 11:00 AM
In-Person	Spanish for Non Spanish-speaking Heritage Speakers (7-8 years old)	Saturday	11:00 AM to 1 PM
In-person	Spanish for Non Spanish-speaking Heritage Speakers (9-11 years old)	Saturday	11:00 AM to 1 PM
In-person	Spanish for Non Spanish-speaking Heritage Speakers (12-15 years old)	Saturday	11:00 AM to 1 PM

Tuition: \$1000.

Enrollment Period: November 27-January 12.

Discounts:

Early Enrollment (November 27-December 8): 5%.

Enrollment of Parents or Siblings: 10%.

Discounts cannot be stacked or combined.

Private Classes

Private classes may be completely tailored to your schedule and your specific learning needs. They are available in both in-person and online formats and may be organized to cater to any curriculum level. They are generally intended for groups of one to two people, however, they can also be adapted to accommodate groups of three or more.

Requirements

- A minimum package of 10 hours of private classes must be purchased. You may also begin with a one-hour trial class for a cost of \$125 (online) or \$155 (in-person). In both cases, the cost of the trial class may be deducted from the final price of the class package.
- Each private session must have a minimum duration of one hour.
- On the first day of class, you and your teacher will decide together upon the dates and times of all sessions in the purchased package.
- If you do not cancel a class in writing with a minimum of 24 hours' notice, you will be charged for that class.
- You must complete your full package of classes within three months of the first session.

Tuition

- In-Person:
 - \$130/hour if classes are given at Instituto Cervantes.
 - Starting at \$130/hour if the teacher travels to your location.
- Online: \$100/hour.

These prices are for groups of one to two students. If you are a larger group, please email us.

Contact

To enroll in private classes, email us at cursos.losangeles@cervantes.org.

Course Policies

Group Size

Classes have a minimum of 6 students and a maximum of 12. Under special circumstances, and depending on the needs of the course, Instituto Cervantes reserves the right to adjust the group size. We recommend that you register as early as possible so that we can be sure to offer schedule options that will best fit your needs.

Teachers and Groups

Teachers are not assigned to a class until a few days before the beginning of each course. Instituto Cervantes Los Angeles reserves the right to reassign any teacher after the course has started.

Attendance and Transfers

Class attendance is mandatory. Absence from 50% of the classes or more may result in failure to pass the course or obtain its certificate. If you cannot attend a class session, we recommend that you contact either your teacher or your classmates to find out about homework and how to prepare for the next session. If you would like to request a transfer to another class once the course has begun, you made do so as long as the change is effected before the second class of the course has taken place.

Payment

A course must be paid in full prior to the first class. Payment may be made via check, bank transfer, Zelle, or with cash in person at Instituto Cervantes Los Angeles' offices.


Cancellations

Instituto Cervantes reserves the right to cancel courses and workshops. Courses will be cancelled if they do not reach the enrollment minimum of 6 students. If your course is affected by a cancellation, we will notify you and you may choose either to be placed in another class or receive a full refund.


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