

# UNIVERSITY OF CADIZ

**INNOVATE, MOTIVATE AND INSPIRE: TOP  
CURRENT TRENDS IN SPANISH LANGUAGE  
TEACHING.**

## 1. CADIZ, A CITY WITNESS TO OVER 3000 YEARS OF HISTORY

**Cádiz**, capital city of the province of Cadiz, is located in the southwest of Andalusia and can be described as a hidden gem in Spain.

Founded 3,000 years ago by the Phoenicians, Cadiz is the oldest city in Western Europe. Over the years, the different groups of settlers who called Cadiz home have left an indelible mark on its culture, shaping the unique character of its people. This beautiful tiny peninsula, nestled along the Atlantic coast of Andalusia, has managed to preserve its rich historical heritage, based on past trade importance, as well as an impressive 138 km coastline of awe-inspiring beaches and exceptional local cuisine.



The ancient Phoenician city known as "Gadir," and later the Roman city of "Gades," reached its golden era in the 17th century when it held the monopoly on overseas trade. The distinctive fortified architecture of Cadiz, built to protect its inhabitants from relentless pirate attacks, reminds us of Havana in Cuba or San Juan in Puerto Rico. The old town, surrounded by water on all sides, is a romantic labyrinth of narrow, winding streets that entice visitors to stay and bathe in the sound of the Atlantic Ocean's waves and Cadiz unforgettable sunsets.

## 2. THE UNIVERSITY OF CADIZ



The **University of Cadiz (UCA)** comprises four campuses: Cadiz, Puerto Real, Jerez, and Algeciras. It offers a wide range of academic programmes for undergraduate, master's, and doctoral courses.

The UCA has gained a significant role in the higher education sector due to its excellent academic services, prominent research groups, focus on innovation and R&D&i strategies and strong connection with business and entrepreneurship, actively sharing the knowledge generated in our classrooms and laboratories with these sectors. A link between continents, the University of Cadiz is the university of choice in southern Europe and a bridge to Latin America. As part of its international cooperation strategy, the UCA is committed to fostering the creation of the Ibero-American Space of Knowledge. Besides, it has a significant number of collaboration agreements with different international universities, institutions, and private businesses from all over Western Europe, Latin America, North Africa and Easter European countries. The UCA places special emphasis on these partnerships in its *Aulas Internacionales* (International Classrooms). Likewise, the *Centro Superior de Lenguas Modernas* (University School of Modern Languages) is actively engaged in different collaborations with American universities. Finally, UCA is the leader and driving force of the International Campus of Excellence in Marine Science **CEI·MAR**, the largest scientific consortium focused on the sea in southern Europe. This initiative has obtained Global CEI status.

### 3. CENTRO SUPERIOR DE LENGUAS MODERNAS, UNIVERSITY OF CADIZ

The **Centro Superior de Lenguas Modernas -CSLM- (University School of Modern Languages)** is the division within the University of Cadiz that provides modern language training and manages all International Programmes of Spanish as a Foreign Language. Our team of professionals is trusted by many prestigious universities worldwide (EEUU, Europa, Rusia, China, Australia, etc.) to train their students in Spanish studies.

At CSLM we use a dynamic and effective communicative approach primarily focused on meeting the needs and interests of our students. We provide quality teaching using the newest, state-of-the-art classroom materials as well as innovative methodologies.

We offer an extensive selection of different courses, ranging from intensive Spanish courses (all levels), programmes on current Spanish culture and society, introduction to linguistics, Spanish and Latin American literature, specialized grammar courses, Spanish art history, and Spanish for Specific Purposes (ESP) courses for business, tourism, and health sciences.

Furthermore, CSLM is an accredited examination center by Instituto Cervantes, where students can obtain their official diplomas in Spanish as a Foreign Language: DELE, SIELE, and CCSE.



### 4. COURSE: INNOVATE, MOTIVATE AND INSPIRE: TOP CURRENT TRENDS IN SPANISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS

This course is ideal for a wide range of educators/teachers from USA and Canada who wish to improve their **Spanish language** skills. Prospective participants must meet the required Spanish language competency B2 level in compliance with MCERL or equivalent -ACTFL (High) Intermediate or Advanced (Low)-.

#### DATES

July 3 - 23, 2024.

## CALENDAR AND TIMETABLE OF THE COURSE

The length of the course is 60 hours (inc. both curricular and extracurricular activities) held over a period of 3 weeks (20h each week) in different formats, i.e., classes, workshops and extracurricular activities, taking place in the morning, from Monday to Friday.

## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Group size ranges from 8 to 25 participants.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed as a linguistic-cultural immersion in Spanish using top current teaching trends and effective resources.

Our goal is to help participants enrich their Spanish teacher training with innovative methodologies, share their teaching experiences, and gain insights as well as effective tools to enhance their teaching experience in the classroom.

## GOALS

- Analyze the different methodologies and methodological parameters governing the current landscape in teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language.
- Share teaching experiences and observe methodology and practice in immersion learning programmes, inside and outside the classroom.
- Critically review the teaching materials and resources used in the ELE classroom.
- Provide teaching tools (strategies, skills, techniques, etc.) for meaningful learning.
- Analyze the best Spanish language textbooks on the market for teaching ELE in Spain.
- Help to learn and implement new techniques and ideas for own material design and development.
- Provide ideas to promote and improve teacher IT competence.
- Develop methodology proposals based on historical and sociocultural contents.

## COURSE STRUCTURE AND SCHEDULE

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.	<b>July, 3 - 23:</b> <i>Current Trends in Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language.</i>
11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	BREAK
12:00 - 14:00 P.M.	<b>July, 3 - 11:</b> <i>Teaching Resources and Published Materials in ELE Teaching.</i>  <b>July, 15 - 23:</b> <i>Applied didactics of historical and sociocultural contents.</i>

## EXTRACURRICULAR, CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES (included in the course fee)

- Official welcome reception.
- Guided tour of Old Town Cadiz.
- Phoenician and Roman Cadiz: A visit to the Archaeological Museum of Cadiz, Roman Theater and Gadir Burial Site.
- Catamaran ride to Puerto de Santa Maria. Day-trip to Caballero Wineries and San Marcos Castle.
- Cooking workshop: traditional Andalusian cuisine.
- Farewell party.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (not inc. in course fee)

- Trip to Vejer de la Frontera, Tarifa and Bolonia beach.
- Flamenco workshop.
- Trips to Pueblos Blancos (Whitewashed villages) in the province.

## ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

Assessment criteria:

- Attendance and active participation in the sessions: 60%.
- Completion of tasks and activities: 15%.
- Final presentation: 25%.
  - o Completion and delivering of the final presentation are mandatory to receive the diploma of achievement.

#### Certificates awarded:

- Certificate of participation: For participants who have attended 80% of the sessions and do not require credit recognition.
- Certificate of achievement: Specifies the number of completed ECTS credits and the grade obtained by the participant.

#### ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Participants can choose from 2 types of accommodation, subject to availability at the time of booking, both located in the historic center of Cadiz: University of Cadiz Student Hall (limited vacancies) and language and cultural immersion with host families.

- University of Cadiz Student Hall: <https://colegiomayor.uca.es/>, single room and full-board (Mon-Sat).
- Linguistic and cultural immersion homestay with Spanish host families: Single room and full-board 7 days a week.

**COURSE FEE:** 1,800€.

#### REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT METHOD

Registration must be completed between December 1st and March 31st using the following link:

<https://www.educacionyfp.gob.es/eeuu/en/convocatorias-programas/convocatorias-eeuu/cursos-verano.html>.

Once the prospective participant has completed the registration, the Centro Superior de Lenguas Modernas at the University of Cadiz will contact them to provide more detailed information.

For any additional queries about the registration process, please contact directly: [lenguas.modernas@uca.es](mailto:lenguas.modernas@uca.es) and/or [cslmespanol@uca.es](mailto:cslmespanol@uca.es).

## HOW TO GET THERE – TRANSPORT OPTIONS

- **By plane:** There are several daily flights departing from Madrid's Barajas airport to Jerez de la Frontera (Cadiz). Jerez airport is only 40 minutes away by taxi (approx. fare is 75€) from Cadiz. You can also use public transport – airport coach or medium-distance (MD) or commuter trains (line C1).
- **Train:** There are three ALVIA trains from Madrid to Cadiz daily. The journey time is about 4h 50 min. A round trip costs approximately 160€. The AVE train (high-speed train) is not direct (it departs from Madrid's Atocha station), stopping at Seville train station where you need to take a connecting train to Cadiz. Reservations can be made online on <http://www.renfe.es>.
- **Bus:** Several buses depart daily from Madrid Airport to Cadiz and costs approximately 40€ one-way, with a journey time of about 8 hours. Reservations can be made online on <http://www.socibus.es>.

## MEDICAL INSURANCE

**Participants are covered by a health insurance plan** (included in the course fee) for the entire length of the course. This insurance will cover medical expenses, drug prescription costs and hospitalization expenses, according to the clauses of the policy to be provided to each participant in the welcome reception on the first day of their stay.