

University of Salamanca

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1. General Information about Salamanca

Salamanca is located in west-central Spain in the autonomous region of Castilla-León, some two hundred kilometers from Madrid and a hundred from the border with Portugal. A city "fit for all humankind," Salamanca is a small and very relaxing place where you can stroll at ease, a place where in fact virtually everything is located just a short walk away. Besides being widely known for its historical University and for the artistic treasures it boasts, Salamanca is known nationwide for its "marcha", the lively daytime atmosphere and bustling nightlife that thousands of Spanish and foreign students bring to the city.

Located on the Central Plateau at 800 meters (2580 ft.) above sea level, the city is sheltered from the temperate Atlantic winds by nearby mountain ranges. Salamanca has a continental climate, with cold winters and hot summers and very short autumns and springs between. However, temperatures here are never very extreme nor is the air ever very damp. During the summer, especially during the month of July, temperatures can range from 25° to 35° C (77° to 95° F), so light clothes and shoes are best. Night temperatures can drop drastically, making a light jacket a necessary accessory. Autumn and spring are never very harsh or long, though they tend to be quite rainy. During the winter, warm outdoor clothes are a must.

Salamanca hosts an impressive collection of artistic monuments, with examples from all stages of art history from Roman remnants to the most modern architectural styles. Located along the ancient Roman Silver Route, the "Via de la Plata", which ran across the Iberian Peninsula from south to north, Salamanca has a well preserved Roman Bridge. Among later monuments, the most remarkable are the city's two Cathedrals, one Romanesque and the other Gothic, the "Casa de las Conchas" (House of Shells), undoubtedly the best example of XV century civil architecture in Spain, Renaissance palaces (Monterrey, La Salina and Fonseca), the University's famous façade, which stands before the Historical Building, the San Esteban and Las Dueñas convents, which are fine samples of Salamanca's very own splendid style, Plateresque, and the magnificent Plaza Mayor (Main Square), a high point in Castilian Baroque architecture.

In 1985 Salamanca was declared a "World Heritage Site" by the UNESCO and in the year 2002, the city was the "European Capital of Culture".

For further information about the city (museums, cultural activities, transportation, etc.) see www.aytosalamanca.com, www.salamancaciudaddecultura.org

Information about Spain: geography, regions, climate, etc ... at <http://www.spain.info>

Pictures of Salamanca: <http://www.manbos.com/vergal.asp?galeria=37>

2. University of Salamanca

Besides being well-known throughout the world for its historical and cultural importance, Salamanca is also famous for its University, Spain's oldest and one of the first universities in Europe. Founded by King Alfonso IX of Leon in 1218. **In 2018, the Universidad de Salamanca celebrated its 800th anniversary.** The University of Salamanca has been the home of illustrious professors, such as Fray Luis de Leon, Francisco de Vitoria, Diego de Torres Villarroel and Miguel de Unamuno, the inspiration of future authors, such as Fernando de Rojas, San Juan de la Cruz and Calderon de la Barca, and also the place where major works of world literature, such as *La Celestina* and *El Lazarillo de Tormes*, were written. Our University played a key role in the discovery of America and was the model, or *alma mater*, for the first universities established in the New World. The University of Salamanca's magnificent library holds manuscripts and incunabula of incalculable value which attest to the University's long and splendid history. In spite of this enlightening past, we must often remind ourselves of the University's no less impressive present, as the University of Salamanca today is a young, dynamic institution which is open to the world and to the future.

One of the University of Salamanca's priorities has been, and still is, the teaching of Spanish, an endeavor for which it is widely known both on a national and international level. In fact, the very first grammar of a romance language, Nebrija's *Gramática*, was written within these University walls in 1492. Since those early days, our University has taken a great many steps towards the goal of spreading the use of Spanish all over the world.

Ever since Cursos Internacionales was founded in 1929, thousands of students and teachers of Spanish have done coursework in our classrooms. Particularly in the last several decades, these students and teachers, yearning to improve their knowledge of Spanish or to study the theory and practice of Spanish teaching in greater depth, have found that this is the place to come.

The University of Salamanca, through its Cursos Internacionales branch, and in collaboration with the Spanish Ministry of Education and the Education Office of Spain in the United States, Canada and Brazil presents two teacher training courses for July 2024. These courses are aimed at those teachers of Spanish as a foreign language willing to improve their knowledge of the Spanish language, Hispanic cultures and teaching methodology. These courses are:

- **Varieties of Spanish and Spanish as a Heritage Language**

- **Master's Degree in Spanish Language and Culture (1st module)**

Classes will be taught by professors specialized in the different disciplines and a coordinator will be assigned to each group of students for all the programs.

The classes for the first course, **Varieties of Spanish and Spanish as a Heritage Language**, will begin at 9:00 a.m. on July 1st. The classes for the **Master's Degree** will begin at 8:30 a.m., on June 24th. Upon arrival, in the University dormitories, participants will find information concerning classrooms and directions to get there.

For further information about the University of Salamanca, please visit <http://www.usal.es>

For further information about Cursos Internacionales of the University of Salamanca, please visit <http://www.usal.es/cursosinternacionales>

3. Courses offered

- a) Varieties of Spanish and Spanish as a Heritage Language.
- b) Master's Degree in Spanish Language and Culture.

Varieties of Spanish and Spanish as a Heritage Language

Participants

The course is aimed at teachers of Spanish as a foreign language (grades K-12 and Community College).

Language level required: Advanced level: B2 level as described in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Duration

Three weeks (60 contact hours) July 1-19, 2024

Schedule

Four hours a day in the morning.

Number of participants per group

Minimum: 8 Maximum: 25

Objectives

- To introduce the linguistic unity and diversity of Spanish today by studying the varieties of the different geographical areas.
- To analyze, from a panhispanic perspective, the most relevant periods and characteristics of the evolution of the Spanish language.
- To analyze the profile of Spanish-speaking students of Spanish in order to reinforce their communication abilities.

Content

- **Spanish today: geographical and social varieties** (22 and a half hours)
 - We will present the most relevant phenomena of the linguistic areas of Spanish.
 - We will approach the study of “correct Spanish” and we will make an emphasis on the main non normative uses from a phonetic, morphological, syntactic and lexical perspective.
 - We will outline the social varieties and context-dependent varieties.
- **Evolution of Spanish** (15 hours)
 - We will briefly analyze the phonetic, morphosyntactic and lexical changes of vulgar Latin up until the configuration of 15th century Spanish.
 - We will highlight the main changes in Peninsular and Latin American Spanish from the Golden Age up until today.
- **Spanish as a Heritage Language** (22 and a half hours)
 - We will analyze the typology of heritage speakers of Spanish. We will study their features and needs from a grammatical point of view, with a special emphasis on oral and written communication.

Evaluation

- Non Graduate credits: Attendance and participation.
- Graduate credits: 1 mandatory examination for each course. In addition, some American universities also ask for a paper for each course.

Extracurricular activities (included in the program at no cost)

- Guided tours of the city
- 3 tickets for cultural activities (theatre and concerts, etc.)
- 2 one-day excursions (Segovia, Toledo, Cáceres, etc)

Additional services provided (included in the program at no cost)

- Orientation and welcome reception
- Opening ceremony
- Access to the USAL Wi-Fi network in all campus buildings
- Access to libraries and other University facilities
- Closing ceremony

Fees

With full board accommodation: 1 940 euros.

Without full board accommodation: 1 220 euros.

The 1 940 euros include: 60 contact hours, the above mentioned extracurricular activities, full board accommodation in a University dorm (single room) or in a Spanish family (single room) since June 30th (5 p.m.) to July 20th (12 p.m.) and medical insurance.

The 1 220 euros include: 60 contact hours, the above mentioned extracurricular activities and medical insurance.

In addition to the extracurricular activities included in the course, there are others organized by the University of Salamanca in which the participants can also take part for with an additional cost.

See **"Information for the two programs"**.

Master´s Degree in Spanish Language and Culture

Participants

The course is aimed at teachers of Spanish as a foreign language (grades K-12 and Community College).

Language level required: Proficiency level: C1 level as described in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Duration

Five weeks, June 24 - July 26, 2024

Number of participants per group

Minimum: 30 Maximum: 40

Objectives

To provide teachers of Spanish as a foreign language with adequate and deep training in this field to make them gain their Master´s Degree by the University of Salamanca.

Content

This Master includes **600 hours** organized as follows:

A) 480 hours to be done at the University of Salamanca in two modules:

- 1st module: 240 hours (June 24 - July 26, 2024)

Content: Spanish Grammar I; History of the Spanish Language; Resources for the Teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language; Contemporary Spanish Literature; History of Spain; Spanish Culture I and Hispanic Civilization I: Spanish Cinema of the Late XX Century, Spain and its Diversity (Roman and Medieval Spain, Romanesque and Mystic), visit of Salamanca to meet its history, literature and art, popular culture and conference cycle.

- 2nd module: 240 hours (1 week in June and 4 weeks in July 2025)

Content: Spanish Grammar II; Social and Regional Varieties of present-day Spanish; Hispanic America: Language, Literature and Culture; Sociological, Political and Economical Issues in Current Spain; Spanish Art; Spanish Culture II and Hispanic Civilization II: Latin American Cinema of the Late XX Century; Spain and its Diversity (Popular Architecture, Imperial Spain and the Strengthening of Borders, visit of Salamanca to meet its history, literature and art, popular culture and conference cycle.

B) 120 hours Final Master Academic Work (TFM).

Participants must realize a project, portfolio or report at the end of the course. It is supposed to be a complementary and integrator exercise of the training received during their qualification. This integrator work will involve the

application of the knowledge, skills and attitudes acquired during the master course.

The TFM must be realized independently by every participant.

Evaluation

To complete both modules of this master's degree written examinations for each course are mandatory. Participants who do not pass a course will not obtain their certificate and will not earn credit.

Fees

Master's course total price (1st and 2nd modules):

- With full board accommodation: 6 600 euros
- Without full board accommodation: 4 200 euros
- **1st. module** (June 24 - July 26, 2024):
 - With full board accommodation: 3 300 euros
 - Without full board accommodation: 2 100 euros
- **2nd. module** (1 week in June and 4 weeks in July 2025):
 - With full board accommodation: 3 300 euros
 - Without full board accommodation: 2 100 euros

The 6 600 euros include: 240 hours (1st module), and 240 hours (2nd module); monitoring and development Master's Thesis; full board accommodation in a University dorm (single room) or in a Spanish family (single room) since June 23rd, 2024 (5 p.m.) to July 27th, 2024 (12 p.m.), and 1 week in June 2025 plus 4 weeks in July 2025, medical insurance and degree fees.

The 4 200 euros include: 240 hours (1st module), and 240 hours (2nd module); monitoring and development Master's Thesis; medical insurance and degree fees.

Students interested in extracurricular activities such as excursions or cultural events organized by the University of Salamanca can book them directly at our office.

See **"Information for the two programs"**

4. General information about the programs

Method of payment

Payment will be made in euros by **bank transfer** to the University bank account.

- Bank Account ownership:
CURSOS INTERNACIONALES DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE SALAMANCA, S.A.U.
- Mailing address of the University:
PLAZA DE FRAY LUIS DE LEÓN, 1-8
37008 SALAMANCA
ESPAÑA
- Bank entity: BANCO DE SANTANDER
- Account number: 0049 1843 4522 1019 7082
- IBAN: ES39 0049 1843 4522 1019 7082
- SWIFT: BSCHEM

Accommodation

- Single room at a residence hall (with bathroom) or with a Spanish family.
- Full board: accommodation and three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Accommodation is provided from the day before the beginning of the course (check in time: 5 p.m.) to the day after the end of the course (check out at 12 p.m.).

If students wish to extend their stay, share a double room or need specific attention (due to medical condition, allergy problems or dietary needs) they must contact Cursos Internacionales of the University of Salamanca before registration.

Dorms and host families are usually located close to the city center, not further than 25 minutes walking to the classroom buildings.

Students have to bring their own towels.

No animals except guide-dogs are allowed at dorms.

If applicable, students should state any kind of medical condition, allergy problems or dietary needs when submitting their application.

Cursos Internacionales will book the accommodation chosen by the participants taking into account availability of rooms. Companions under 17 years old are not allowed in the accommodations provided by the University.

Extracurricular activities (optional, not included in the price)

Once in Salamanca, students can register for other extracurricular activities not included in the different programs: courses on guitar, dancing, Spanish songs, cooking, etc. Tickets for excursions (Toledo, Segovia, etc) are also available.

Transportation

Airport: The closest international airport to Salamanca is Madrid Barajas. Once at the airport you can get to the city center by bus, underground or taxi.

(Further information about the airport: <http://www.aena.es/>)

(Further information about the subway: www.metromadrid.es)

To get to the train or bus station you can get a taxi, which should cost between 35 € and 40 €

(Further information in: www.radiotelefono-taxi.com/es/tarifas.asp)

From Madrid to Salamanca you can get a:

Bus: (Estación Sur de Autobuses www.estacionautobusesmadrid.com)

Duration of the trip: 2 hours and a half. Estimated price: 35 €.

(Further information in: www.avanzabus.com)

Bus station at Méndez Álvaro St. # 83 (Madrid). Grupo Avanza Company. Auto Res. (Underground station: Méndez Álvaro, Line 6).

The closest international airport to Salamanca is Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas, which is 215 km away from the city. If you want to go directly from Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas airport to Salamanca, there is an express bus service (Terminals 1 and 4) which connects Madrid and Salamanca in approximately two hours and a half. For further information: www.avanzabus.com

Train: train station at Chamartin. Several trains a day.

(Further information in: <http://www.renfe.es>)

Once in Salamanca, it is recommendable to take taxis from both stations to the University dorms (cost between 12 € and 15 €).

Medical Insurance

Once registered in any of the programs students are automatically covered by medical insurance which includes medical consultation, hospitalization and surgery. Dental services and medicines are not included except if hospitalized. This insurance is valid for the whole duration of the course and within Spanish territory.

Certificate of Attendance

Students must attend 90% of the course and the mandatory activities to obtain their certificate of attendance and earn credit.

Students from Master's Degree in Spanish Language and Culture must attend 100% of the course and the mandatory activities.

Credits

All the courses can be validated with credits by some American Universities, according to the Education Office of the Spanish Embassy in Washington. For further information:

<http://www.mecd.gob.es/eeuu/convocatorias-programas/convocatorias-eeuu/cursos-verano.html>

Registration

Registration should be on line:

<http://www.mecd.gob.es/eeuu/convocatorias-programas/convocatorias-eeuu/cursos-verano.html>

- Information about registration: cursosprofesores.usa@mecd.es
- Once participants have registered successfully, Cursos Internacionales will contact them to provide more information about their course.

Information about the courses, accommodation and the University of Salamanca

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