

THE REAL WORLD AND THE CLASSROOM (SOCIAL NETWORKS, THE MEDIA AND AUDIOVISUAL RESOURCES IN THE TEACHING OF SPANISH)

Advanced methodology workshop for teachers of Spanish as a foreign language. Ideas and resources to boost motivation and learning, making the most of the tools and cultural products students live with in their out-of-class experience. Social Media, series/movies as key tools for the development of students' critical intercultural awareness and for a situated, action-oriented language learning.

Participants: Course open to teachers of all levels. Spanish level required: Upper Intermediate (B2)

Date: July, 1-19, 2024
Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 13:00h

Price: 1,900€

Price without accommodation and full board: 1,200€

Number of participants per group: Classes will have 8 to 20 participants.

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Course structure

- Week 1: **Intercultural awareness, media and social networks in the Spanish classroom.**
- Week 2: **Towards a critical multiliteracy: audiovisual resources in the Spanish classroom.**
- Week 2: **The action-oriented classroom: how to develop projects on situated/context-related learning for your class.**

Course description

Teaching foreign languages is much more than teaching grammar and vocabulary. It is part of Education: students of the Spanish language are constantly developing their intercultural competence and becoming critical citizens.

Students, just like teachers, do not live in a vacuum, a neutral space like the one portrayed in some coursebooks: we live in a specific context, a here and now which should be included in our classes. Social media, the everpresent dominance of audiovisual and digital content must have a place in our teaching resources.

The course is designed in the form of three independent, but complementary, classroom-oriented workshops in which reflection and negotiation lead to activities, tasks and projects they can adapt/create with/for their students.

Complementary activities (included in the price)

- Orientation and tour of campus.
- Welcome cocktail.
- Tour of Alicante: Castillo de Santa Bárbara, Barrio de Santa Cruz and Explanada.
- One day visit to a picturesque village in Alicante Province.
- Visit to “Ciudad de la luz” Film Studios (one of the biggest in Europe, where movies such as “The impossible” were filmed).
- Visit to Civil War shelters and Civil War visitors centre
- Presentation of new digital, paper-based and hybrid materials for the Teaching of Spanish by publishing companies.



Registration

<https://web.csidiomas.ua.es/formacion/profesores-ele/intensivos-verano/formulario-embajada.asp>

More information:

General course information: spanish@csidiomas.ua.es

Registration information: cursosprofesores.usa@mec.es

Accommodation: housing and meals

The accommodation option available is in one of the university's private residences (Villa Universitaria, a residence area), located not far from the campus (a three-minute walk). Three daily meals are included in the price.

The cost of full board accommodation, and the academic program is 1,800€, and includes accommodation from June 30 until the night of July 19 (weekends included). Participants should leave their accommodation on the morning of July 20, 2024; if more nights are required, they must be booked in advance.

Other accommodation options are available that are not included in the price, such as the hotel area at the Villa Universitaria, other halls of residence or shared flats which can be arranged according to personal preferences. Participants choosing any of these options must make this clear on the application forms and pay for their accommodation separately.

Transport

Alicante is easy to get to, with excellent national and international travel links.

By plane: Alicante International Airport has daily flights to and from London and Paris, and several weekly flights to and from other major European cities (including Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Copenhagen). Local flights are available to Madrid and Barcelona several times a

day. Transfer between the airport and the city centre is provided by taxi (20-minute duration, around 20€) or local bus (around 3€).

By train: Around eleven trains run between Madrid and Alicante every day, some of them are called AVE (high speed). It takes about 2 hours and prices range from 60 € to 110€, round trip. Eight trains per day connect Alicante with Barcelona (around 5 hours, prices range from 85€ to 120€ round trip) and Valencia (2 hours, prices range from 35€ to 50€ round trip).

General information – University of Alicante

The course will be held in the University of Alicante. Founded in 1979, it is recognized as one of Spain's most modern and innovative universities, with around 30,000 students studying one of 32 university degrees offered by the faculties and university schools. The campus is only 4 km from the city centre and features extensive grounds, with gardens, wooded areas and an artificial lake. The University of Alicante offers an outstanding setting in which to study Spanish, with facilities including a museum, art gallery, indoor and outdoor sports stadium, restaurants and banks, making it one of the most beautiful and complete campuses in Europe.



University of Alicante ranks in the top 5 in Spain in English Studies, Chemical Engineering, Tourism and Hospitality, Economics and Social Work.

Pictures available at: https://instagram.com/ua_universidad/

Or a video about UA at:

https://youtu.be/aczX8jXtFA8?si=hd0_-tipmeSa57JR

The city of Alicante

Located on the Mediterranean coast, Alicante is the main city on Spain's world renowned Costa Blanca, combining a modern outlook with traditional roots. The city's population of 300,000 enjoys a privileged location and a much-envied climate, with an average temperature of 18° C and more than 300 days of sunshine per year. Alicante is the capital of a lively province with strong international links due not only to its coastal location, but also to its cosmopolitan tradition, further enhanced by its successful tourist industry. Many visitors come to Alicante all year round, attracted by a city that is open, welcoming and safe, and with a coast that can be enjoyed both in the city centre itself or on any of the wonderful white sandy beaches nearby.

Alicante is a medium-sized city and as such it is easy to get around on foot. We recommend cool, comfortable summer clothing, and don't forget your bathing suit. Temperatures in July can climb to 30° C, so we also recommend a hat and sun cream.

Other activities (not included in the cost)

The University of Alicante offers a range of cultural, academic and sporting activities that take place on Campus and are available to all students. There is also a varied program of outdoor sports, including water sports such as windsurfing, sailing and scuba diving. Other activities include Spanish dance classes, wine tasting and food courses, as well as trips to some of Spain's other major cities.

The city of Alicante also offers a wide variety of entertainment, including theatres, cinemas and numerous bars and restaurants with all kinds of gastronomic delights. There is also a very lively nightlife, with many music bars, discos and open-air cafés. During the summer months open-air concerts and performances in the castle and harbor area, and the summer festivals in the city and surrounding villages are not to be missed. Shopping centers are open until 10 pm.

Special events taking place in Alicante during the course:

- Craft Market, Plaza de la Santísima Faz, Alicante
- Jazz Festival ADDA Auditorium and various venues in the city and the beaches.
- Classical theater festival in the archeological site of Alcudia.
- Local festivals in Campello, Denia, Novelda, San Vicente del Raspeig.

More information on these events will be provided at the beginning of the course.

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