

BILBAO AND THE UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO

[BILBAO](#), capital city of the province of [Biscay](#), is one of the largest cultural and economic centers in northern of Spain. With a population of some 400.000 people in the center and a large metropolitan area of about one million people, the former industrial city of Bilbao has become a modern city of services that is mainly concerned with the wellbeing of citizens and visitors alike. The city was in fact awarded the “Nobel Prize for Cities” at the World Cities Summit 2010 in Singapore for its spectacular process of urban transformation, and recognized as the Best European City in 2018 by the Academy of Urbanism.

We would like to invite you to watch the following videos about Bilbao:

[Tour around Bilbao landmarks](#)

[Bilbao, Best European City 2018](#)

[Bilbao, a fascinating transformation](#)



Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao



Bilbao Old Quarter

Bilbao is now living a fascinating moment of creative activity, symbolized by the internationally acclaimed [Guggenheim Museum](#).

The Guggenheim Museum represents the transformation of the city, but it is just a small part of a wider picture. This and other singular buildings in the city, such as the subway (metro), the Isozaki towers, the University of Deusto [library](#) by Moneo, [Azkuna Zentroa \(Alhóndiga\)](#), by Philippe Starck, or the airport, by Calatrava, have made Bilbao a subject matter in Architecture schools. It is also the city with the largest concentration of Pritzker Prizes and works by renown designers by square meter. The Guggenheim is, above all, a symbol that has allowed institutions and spaces in the old city to be rediscovered and relaunched: the [Old Quarter](#), the [Fine Arts Museum](#), [Arriaga Theater](#)...



Arriaga Theater, Bilbao



Fine Arts Museum, Bilbao

The range of cultural and leisure activities in Bilbao is rich and varied. Events such as drama, music, cinema, dance, talks, exhibits, and popular festivals in towns around stimulate social life in the city. The good amount of hotels and restaurants that have opened up their doors in the last years are a reflection of the popularity of Bilbao among visitors, eager to enjoy the art, the history, the nearby beaches, the multiple shopping possibilities for all budgets, and Basque cuisine, internationally renown for its high quality.



La Ribera Marketplace



Pintxos (tapas) at a bar in Bilbao

The weather in Bilbao is very nice in the summer. Temperatures range between 68° and 86° F. They might even go higher than 30°, but this is not very common. At night they tend to go down. It also rains occasionally. We recommend that participants bring summer clothes and shoes, but also some warmer clothes (some sweater and/or a light jacket), a raincoat and sneakers.

There are several beaches close to Bilbao accessible by metro. The closest one where one can swim is Ereaga, about 25 minutes away by metro; Sopela, about 35 minutes by metro (good for surfers); and Plentzia, at the end of the metro line (45 minutes), which is the best one for swimmers.



Plentzia Beach



Old Fishing Port, Algorta.

For all this, as well as for its strategic location, most convenient to travel both within Spain and to Europe, and for the possibilities of actual immersion offered to people who wish to live local language and culture, Bilbao is the perfect place to take a Spanish language and culture course.



University of Deusto



University of Deusto Library

The [UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO](#) is located in the city center of Bilbao, in an exceptional area right across the Guggenheim Museum and the [Convention and Music Hall Center](#). Since its foundation as a private university, it has played a leading role, especially in the areas of Business Economics and Law. The main goal of the University of Deusto is to offer good quality teaching in different areas of knowledge: from modern languages to engineering. Every year, it is host to hundreds of students from all over the world who join its academic life through exchange programs or other programs specifically designed for them.

[CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESPAÑOL-CIDE](#), venue of the Course, offers Spanish courses designed for the many international students participating in exchange programs with other universities, or in specific study programs in Spanish Language and Culture or Business, International Relations and Spanish, and also to students interested in learning Spanish. CIDE teachers have extensive and long-standing experience in teaching Spanish.

CIDE is an Official Instituto Cervantes Test Center for the Diplomas of Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE), and offers teacher training courses in second language teaching accredited by Instituto Cervantes throughout the academic year.

COURSE: EXPERIENCE MULTICULTURAL SPAIN: RESOURCES FOR THE CLASSROOM

PARTICIPANTS

The course is aimed at teachers of Spanish as a foreign language in the U.S.A. and Canada in general, teachers in bilingual, immersion and Spanish-for-native-speakers programs, grades K-12, and Community College teachers. Participants need to have **at least a B2 level of Spanish**.

DATES

From July 1st to July 19th, 2024.

LENGTH

Three-week course (60 hours).

SCHEDULE

Four hours per day Monday through Friday, in the morning. Some cultural and complementary activities will be held on weekends.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER GROUP

Groups between 8 and 25 participants.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course for teachers interested in updating their grammar and cultural teaching resources, and in living a dynamic academic experience of individual and group immersion in the Spanish context. Class activities, which will be very practical and full of academic content, will be implemented by other out-of-the-classroom activities (visits to landmarks, popular festivals, food tasting tours...) that will allow teachers to get to know the reality of Spanish culture and society at first hand, and will provide new perspectives for every teacher to update their teaching strategies.

GOALS OF THE COURSE

- To update the knowledge of Spanish teachers from a linguistic, cultural and methodological point of view.
- To provide teachers with useful updated teaching resources and materials for their classes.
- To offer teachers the chance to live current Spanish culture, both in and outside the classroom and approach to the reality of the multilingual education in the Basque Country.

CONTENT OF THE COURSE

1. Aspects of Spanish Language and their Teaching

- To deepen the knowledge and use of the Spanish language through a foundation of principles and practical exercises, as well as the analysis of its didactics according to different methodologies.
- Emphasis will be placed on some of the main difficulties in the acquisition of Spanish by North American students.

2. Multicultural Spain

- First-hand knowledge of Spanish regional diversity, where an enriching intercultural exchange takes place, as well as of its society, through dynamic activities inside and outside the classroom, with the aim of transforming them into didactic resources applicable to their teaching work.
- Analysis of the Basque case with regard to the situation of multilingualism in education, with two co-official languages (Spanish and Euskera, the Basque language) and the presence of English.

COURSE CALENDAR

LUNES 1 de julio	- Welcome reception. - Orientation session. - Introduction to the sections of the Course. - Guided visit to historical and avant-garde Bilbao: Old Quarter and Ensanche (afternoon).
MARTES 2 de julio	Multicultural Spain. Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching.
MIÉRCOLES 3 de julio	Multicultural Spain . Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching.
JUEVES 4 de julio	Visit to a local school and talk about how it is run, their curriculum, trilingual teaching context...
VIERNES 5 de julio	Multilingual Education. Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching.
SÁBADO 6 de julio	Day visit (including lunch) to San Millan de la Cogolla (La Rioja), birthplace of the Spanish language, located in a region of renown wines.
LUNES 8 de julio	Multicultural Spain. Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching.
MARTES 9 de julio	Multicultural Spain. Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching.
MIÉRCOLES 10 de julio	<i>Optional visit: San Fermin Festival in Pamplona (Sanfermines) and coastal city of San Sebastian.</i>
JUEVES 11 de julio	Multilingual Education . Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching.
VIERNES 12 de julio	Visit to Guggenheim Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art of Bilbao. Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching.
DOMINGO 14 de julio	<i>Optional visit: Santillana del Mar, beautiful medieval town, and the museum of the cave of Altamira.</i>
LUNES 15 de julio	Visit to "Casa del euskera" (House of the Basque Language). Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching.
MARTES 16 de julio	Visit to Fine Arts Museum of Bilbao. Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching.
MIÉRCOLES 17 de julio	Multicultural Spain. Multilingual Education.
JUEVES 18 de julio	Aspects of Spanish Language and its Teaching. Tour along the Way of St. James in Bilbao: History, art and religion. Food and wine tasting tour.
VIERNES 19 de julio	Final presentations by participants. Course ends.**.

*This program is subject to change. Participants will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.

**The final schedule will be determined based on the total number of participants submitting final papers.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Welcome reception and orientation. Opening talk about the University and Bilbao, with practical orientation. First contact with professors (academic advising and information about workshops).
- Guided visit to historical Bilbao: Old Quarter and *Ensanche*.
- Day visit (including lunch) to [San Millan de la Cogolla](#) (La Rioja), birthplace of the Spanish language, located in a region of renown wines.
- Visit to a local school and talk about how they run it, curriculum, trilingual education context...
- Tour along the [Way of St. James](#) in Bilbao: History, art and religion.
- Food and wine tasting tour: *pintxos* (tapas).
- Visit to [Guggenheim-Bilbao Museum](#): Spain in the context of national and international contemporary art.
- Visit to the Fine Arts Museum of Bilbao.
- Visit to [Casa del Euskera](#) (House of the Basque Language).

OPTIONAL VISITS

- Visit to the [San Fermin](#) Festival in [Pamplona](#) (*Sanfermines*), internationally renown and famous for Hemingway's literary works. After lunch, visit to the beautiful coastal city of San Sebastian and possibility of resting at its wonderful beaches or visiting its picturesque old quarter.
- Visit to [Santillana del Mar](#) (Cantabria), medieval town of great architectural interest, and to the museum of Altamira cave, which was declared World Heritage site by UNESCO.
* Not included in the price. Transportation, lunch and free time. Please inquire about special rates when course starts.

OTHER POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES (NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE)

The following visits and activities are suggested for participants to do on their own:

- Nearby beaches that can easily and quickly be reached by metro: Ereaga, Sopela and Plentzia.
- [San Sebastian Jazz Festival](#), for music lovers wishing to enjoy the performances of first-line jazz players.
- [BBK Live pop-rock festival](#) (one of the most important ones in the country).

- Trips to the multiple festivals and traditional fairs available in nearby picturesque villages: Barakaldo, Plentzia, Sopela... The *El Carmen* festival, in the town of [Santurtzi](#) on July 16th (honoring the virgin), is specially remarkable.
- [Funicular to Artxanda](#) hill, to enjoy the panoramic views over the city of Bilbao.
- Boat or kayak trips along the estuary of Bilbao.
- Surf, sailing trips, rock-climbing, hiking, open-air activities...
- Ballroom dances, salsa, tango...
- Visits to nearby towns and cities. Suggestions:
 - [Portugalete](#) and [Las Arenas](#), bound by the [Bizkaia Bridge or Puente Colgante](#), UNESCO World Heritage.
 - Trips around [Getxo](#), with its cliffs, coast and beaches.
 - [Urdaibai](#), area including the iconic town of Gernika (which inspired Picasso's monumental painting), Mundaka and Bermeo (typical coastal towns with a long-lasting fishing tradition).
 - [Castro Urdiales](#), charming coastal town near Bilbao.
 - [Santander](#), famous for El Sardinero beach.
 - [Vitoria](#), capital city of the Basque Country, whose old quarter is worth a visit.

CREDITS (GRADUATE CREDITS)

Course credits can be transferred in some American universities. For further details, please check at the following e-mail address: cursosprofesores.usa@educacion.gob.es

EVALUATION

- If the participant is not interested in transferring the credits obtained in the Course, the only requirement is their attendance and participation in the classes. The participant will receive an attendance certificate.
- If the participant wishes to transfer the credits obtained in the Course, they will need to do a final presentation. The participant will receive an academic certificate including the number of credits and the grade obtained according to the American system (letter grade). The final grade breakdown is the following:
 - Participation: 30%
 - Assignments: 35%
 - Final presentation: 35%



ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

The University of Deusto will provide all participants who have attended at least a 90% of the scheduled classes with an attendance certificate and an academic transcript (grades will follow the American grading system).

ROOM AND BOARD

Single room with bathroom in a residence hall. It is located near the University and has a dining room, a computer room, laundry service, a TV room, and a music room.

The price includes full room and board, that is, housing and three daily meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner (Spanish style).

Check-in for the residence hall is **June 30th**. The reception and official welcome, as well as the start of the classes will be on July 1st. A representative of the course will take the participants from the residence hall to the University venue where the course will take place.

COST

2100 euros.

This price includes sixty hours of instruction, the activities mentioned above under "Activities Included in the Price", full room and board (for three weeks), and medical insurance. The cost of activities not included in the price will be paid directly to the University of Deusto.

For information about the cost of the course with no room and board, please e-mail us at cide@deusto.es (subject: "Curso profesores").

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

For information, please e-mail cide@deusto.es.

TRANSPORTATION

By plane: There are several daily flights from London, Brussels, Madrid, Milan, Paris and Frankfurt to the airport of Bilbao. You can take an international flight from the U.S.A. or Canada to one of these cities and then make a connection with another flight to Bilbao. It is important to purchase a ticket well in advance.

By bus: If you fly from the U.S.A. or Canada to the Madrid-Barajas airport, the cheapest way to get to Bilbao is by bus. Some buses take you directly from terminal T-4 at the airport to Bilbao; this is the most convenient option if you are taking a bus. Other buses depart from the Avenida de América station, in the city of Madrid. In order to access this station from the airport, you can get a taxi or the metro line that takes you to the "Avenida de América" stop. Since you will be carrying your luggage and will be tired after such a long flight, we recommend that you take a taxi.

Ride Madrid-Bilbao (regular, non-Premium service): 4 h. 40 min. For more information on the Madrid-Bilbao bus schedule, please check the [Alsa](http://www.alsa.es) website.



MEDICAL INSURANCE

It is provided by a Spanish insurance company and is valid for the three weeks of the Course. Insurance covers visits to a doctor, hospitalization and surgery, as well as doctor prescribed drugs, according to the terms of the policy that every participant will receive at the beginning of the Course. It does not include regular checkups or visits to the doctor due to chronic conditions.

REGISTRATION

All participants need to register on line **from December 1st to April 30th**:

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

For information about registration procedures, please e-mail cursosprofesores.usa@educacion.gob.es

For information on the Course, please contact the University of Deusto at cide@deusto.es.

When the University of Deusto receives notification of your registration in the Course, you will receive more information about housing and other practical matters by e-mail.