



**Spanish**

**Language and Culture**

**Courses**



**UNIVERSIDAD  
DE LA RIOJA**

# WELCOME!

## ¡Bienvenida! ¡Bienvenido!

Welcome to the Spanish Language and Culture courses at the University of La Rioja, in the 'Cradle of the Spanish language!' As you may already know, this is where the first words in Spanish were written; found in the monasteries of San Millán de la Cogolla, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

La Rioja is known for its rich linguistic history and also for its delicious food and wine culture. Our region is famous for its top quality wines, made in the many wineries scattered across its geography. Logroño, its capital city, has a lively nightlife, particularly in Calle del Laurel, where you can enjoy the best local food in a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere.

The University of La Rioja is a prestigious academic institution and our Spanish courses, taught by highly qualified teachers, are designed to help you achieve your language goals effectively and in a stimulating academic environment. This training is offered at various levels, and it is complemented by courses in various aspects of Spanish culture. Our classes are small and personalised, allowing you to receive individual attention and detailed feedback to improve your language skills.

Join us today and discover all that La Rioja has to offer.



Courses	SPANISH LANGUAGE	SPANISH CULTURE	TOTAL TRAINING HOURS
MONTHLY COURSES	50/60/70 hours		50/60/70 hours
QUARTERLY COURSES	150 hours	45 hours	195 hours
SEMESTRE COURSES	300 hours	90 hours	390 hours
FULL ACADEMIC YEAR	450 hours	135 hours	585 hours
SUMMER COURSES	80 hours		80 hours

### Complementary Courses

- Conversation and Communicative Practices.
- Basic Spanish Language Skills.
- Introduction to Spanish Culture and Civilisation.
- Introduction to Hispanic Culture through Music.
- Introduction to Spanish for Tourism.
- Introduction to Spanish-American Culture and Civilisation.
- Business Spanish.
- Spanish Culture and Civilisation.
- Creative Writing.
- An Introduction to Regional Diversity in Spain.
- An Introduction to Contemporary Spanish Literature.
- The Media.
- An Overview of Spanish Society through Short Films.

### Activities: Culture and Leisure

The academic offer is complemented by cultural activities that include guided tours and excursions to different points of interest in La Rioja and trips to nearby cities of great cultural interest, such as Bilbao, San Sebastian and Pamplona. There are also daily connections to Madrid using all means of transport, including by air.

#### Following are some of the activities scheduled during the course:

- Guided tours of wineries and grape growing areas.
- Stretches along The Way of St James.
- Tours of the Monasteries of San Millán de la Cogolla.
- The Route of the Dinosaurs and The Lost Canyon.
- Museums.
- Guided tour of Logroño's Old Town.
- Visits to curious localities in La Rioja, near Logroño.
- Culinary and wine experiences.





## Personalised attention

One of our hallmarks is personalised attention, based on a direct and close relationship with teachers and administrative staff. Support in all processes is assured:



### BEFORE YOUR JOURNEY

- Detailed information about the course you chose
- Personalised advice
- Answering any queries
- Precise help in booking accommodation
- Visa information
- Provision of all the necessary documentation
- Information on how to get to Logroño



### DURING YOUR STAY

- Induction programme on arrival
- Registration with UR services
- Paperwork with police services
- Accompaniment in case you need medical assistance
- Continuous follow-up



### ACCOMMODATION

Different options are provided, **all of them close to the University, what assures the quality of your stay:**

- Student residences
- Shared flats
- Accommodation with experienced local families



### CERTIFICATION

In addition to the certificate issued by the University of La Rioja, indicating the level reached, the courses taken, the hours received and the grade obtained, students have the possibility of obtaining the Instituto Cervantes International Spanish Language Evaluation Service SIELE CERTIFICATE, that officially certifies your level of proficiency in the Spanish language.



## In addition...

### SPECIALISED COURSES FOR TEACHERS

Specialised one-week intensive courses for Teachers of Spanish as a Foreign Language take place through the year.



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### CUSTOMISED COURSES

The University of La Rioja offers personalised courses for groups from universities, institutions and companies that wish to receive training adapted to their interests in specific areas of Spanish: winemaking, foreign trade, food, business and tourism, history, literature and cinema, etc. These courses, which are organised throughout the year, offer a choice of programme content, dates and duration.

If you are part of a group interested in deepening your knowledge of any of these or other topics, please send us your proposal or idea together with the group's specific needs to:



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and you will receive an adapted proposal without compromise.





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