



CIEE in Alicante, Spain

Course number:	SPAN 3004 ALLC
Course name:	Preparation for Advanced Oral Communication in Spanish
Programs offering course:	Language and Culture
Language of instruction:	Spanish
U.S. Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Term:	Spring 2019

Course Description

The main goal of this course is to increase and enhance oral skills. Contents are working from a communicative approach based on the use of lexical features and need to function in normal communicative situations that take place in Spanish society.

Learning Objectives

After completing the course, students will be able to:

- Understand the main points of clear standard speech and language everyday issues concerned to work, school or leisure time, including short stories and identifying both general and specific message details, provided speech is clearly articulated and in a normal accent.
- Communicate with reasonable fluency and confidence in both usual (family, hobbies, work, travel, current events, etc.) and unusual matters, including more abstract and cultural topics such as films, books, music etc. Exchange, check and confirm information in less common situations and explaining the reason for a problem.

Course Prerequisites

None

Methods of Instruction

The communicative approach will encourage students to be able to operate in real situations you will be immersed every day, becoming social. We will work closely with special oral skills sometimes appear combined with writing skills as in real life.



Assessment and Final Grade

1. Midterm	20%
2. Final exam	25%
3. Quiz 1	15%
4. Quiz 2	15%
5. Oral Presentation 1	10%
6. Oral Presentation 2	10%
7. Class participation	5%

Course Requirements

Quizzes

There will be two quizzes during the semester. Each will consist of two parts: listening comprehension and oral expression. Each of the parts will count 50% of the final grade of the quiz.

Midterm Exam

The exam will consist of two parts: listening comprehension and oral expression. Each of the parts will count 50% of the final exam.

Final Exam

The exam will consist of two parts: listening comprehension and oral expression. Each of the parts will count 50% of the final exam. All the contents studied in class during the semester will be included.

Oral Presentation

Oral Presentation 1: from the conversational Spanish workshop, students will carry out a research task on a specific area of the colloquial language whose results are presented in class in an oral presentation of about 15 minutes long.

Oral Presentation 2: Oral presentation on which the student will criticize the novel *El Príncipe de la Niebla* in a booktube.

Students will be given a study guide with more accurate information for the tasks as well as a rubric in which the system of evaluating them will be discussed in detail.

Class Participation



Active participation and attendance are essential and will be a fundamental part of the final grade.

CIEE ACADEMIC POLICIES

Papers and assignments submission

According to CIEE Alicante academic norms all assignments, paper, readings, etc. must be turned in on the due date. Late submissions of coursework/assignments during the course of the term of study are not accepted.

If an exception is granted by the Academic Director, the new deadline for the assignment will be set for the next earliest possible date for the student for reasonably submit the assignment.

Course Attendance

Regular class attendance is required throughout the program. Students must notify (via e-mail with a copy to the Resident Director or Program Coordinator) their instructor beforehand if they will miss class for any reason. Students are responsible for any materials covered in class during their absence. Students who miss class for medical reasons must inform the professor and the RD or PC and provide appropriate documentation.

For CIEE courses, excessively tardy (over 15 minutes late) students will be marked absent (student will be reminded of the policy). Attendance policies also apply to any required co-curricular class excursion or events, etc. Students who miss class for personal travel will be marked as absent and unexcused.

An absence in a CIEE course will be only considered excused if:

- 1) A doctor's note is provided. The UA medical center does not generally provide class absence notes. In the case a doctor's absence note is extremely necessary, students will need to go to the Vithas International Hospital to be examined.
- 2) A CIEE staff member verifies that the student was too ill to attend class
- 3) Evidence is provided of a family emergency

Persistent absenteeism (students exceeding 10% of the total course hours missed, or violations of the attendance policy in more than one class) will lead to a written warning from the RD, notification to the home school, and/or dismissal from the program in addition to reductions in class grade(s).

- 1) Since each CIEE Alicante course is 45 hours, 10% of the total course hours are 4.5 hours.
- 2) Students who miss more than 4.5 hours of class without justification will see their final grade reduced by -5%. For instance, students achieving a grade of 89.00 out of 100 points and missing more than 4.5 hours of class will see their grade reduced from 89.00 (B+) to 84.00 (B).



Students with unexcused absences exceeding 20% of the total course hours will fail the course. Written warnings and home school notifications will happen well before the absenteeism causes the student to fail the course so that the student has an opportunity for corrective actions.

Likewise, if any CIEE group organized activity/informational session (e.g. Intercultural development sessions) is scheduled during class hours, attendance to this activity or session is also mandatory for all students enrolled in courses that meet during that block of time. Not attending these CIEE group organized activities/sessions during regular class hours will result in an absence.

Plagiarism

Cheating and plagiarism in any course assignment may result in failing the course or being expelled from the program. Students are expected to adhere to the US American and norms.

Important principles:

- 1) Final examinations, quizzes and other tests must be done without assistance from other person, without looking at or otherwise consulting the work of another person, and without access to notes, books, or other pertinent information (unless the professor has explicitly announced that a particular test is to be taken on an “open book” basis).
- 2) The same written paper may not be submitted in more than one course.
- 3) Any use of the work of another person must be documented in any written papers, oral presentations, or other assignments carried out in connection with the course

Add/Drop

The add/drop period last for 1 week after the start of the courses. After the end of the add/drop period, the student’s registration is considered final, and no course(s) may be changed or deleted from the student’s CIEE Academic Record.

Withdrawal from a course

Students are required to register in 5 courses during their studies at CIEE Alicante. Each CIEE course is worth 3 credits (45 contact hours) and each Universidad de Alicante course is worth 4 credits (60h - unless the course has more than 60h of instruction). If exceptional circumstances warrant, the student may request permission from the Center Director to withdraw from a course. However, a student participating in a semester program is not allowed to drop below 12 US semester credits.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Reading: Aula 4 - Unit 7: Misterios y enigmas

Make hypothesis

Tell mysterious events



Express different degrees of certainty

Week 2

Reading: Aula 4 - Unit 8: ¿Y qué te dijo?

Give commands, petitions and advice
Tell what others said in the past

Week 3

Quiz 1

Reading Aula 5 - Unit 1: Buenas noticias

Referring to a piece of news and comment it
Report news.

Week 4

Oral presentation 1

Reading Aula 5 - Unit 2: ¿Y tú qué opinas?

Giving our opinion
Considering diverse options
Propose conditions

Week 5

Reading Aula 5 - Unit 2: ¿Y tú qué opinas?

Argument opinions
Express agreement or disagreement

Week 6

Midterm exam

Week 7

Reading Aula 5 - Unit 3: Yo nunca lo haría

Give advice.
Evoke imaginary situations
Give opinion about actions and behaviors.
Express wishes.
Express ignorance

Week 8

Reading Aula 5 - Unit 4: Maneras de vivir

Express cause and purpose
Give advice and make proposals

Week 9

Quiz 2

Reading Aula 5 - Unit 4: Maneras de vivir

Speak about feelings, character and personality



Speak about people and object characteristics

Week 10

Reading Aula 5 - Unit 5: Lugares con encanto

Speak about cities: describe and comment characteristics
Speak about previous beliefs about something

Week 11

Oral presentation 2

Reading Aula 5 - Unit 5: Lugares con encanto

Express positive, negative or neutral feelings

Week 12

Reading Aula 5 - Unit 6: Se valorará la experiencia

Express conditions
Establish conditions and requisites

Final Exam Review

Week 13

Final Exam



Course materials

Readings

Corpas, J., Garmendia, A., Soriano, C., *Aula 4*. Difusión. Barcelona: 2015

Corpas, J., Garmendia, A., Sánchez, N., Soriano, C., *Aula 5*. Difusión. Barcelona: 2015

Online resources:

aula.difusion.com