



## **CIEE in Alicante, Spain**

<b>Course name:</b>	Intensive Preparation for Advanced Spanish
<b>Course code:</b>	SPAN 3501 ALLC
<b>Program:</b>	Alicante Language and Culture
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	Spanish
<b>U.S. Semester Credits:</b>	3
<b>Contact hours:</b>	45
<b>Term:</b>	Spring 2019

### **Course description**

The intensive course responds to the need for a review of the basic contents of the Spanish language. It is important for students to make an extra effort during the two weeks, as in the regular course will meet for the first time, with elective courses in Spanish. Aside from the grammatical content thereof, along the intensive course will recreate everyday situations with which students will constantly meet and may be of great importance during their stay in Alicante, especially in the first weeks.

### **Learning Objectives**

The student will get to express and understand oral statements and written relating to:

- Information and description of personal experiences, needs, facts and events of everyday life.
- Review of the tenses of the indicative.
- Needs of daily life.
- Physical sensations, moods and feelings.
- Text production of medium difficulty.

### **Course Prerequisites**

None.

### **Methods of Instruction**

The communicative approach will encourage students to be able to operate in real situations they will be immersed every day. The integration of the four skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) will allow the student to use outside the classroom the acquired knowledge.



### **Assessment and Final Grade**

1.	Midterm exam	30%
2.	Final exam	40%
3.	Writing assignments	20%
4.	Class Participation	10%

### **Course Requirements**

#### **Midterm exam**

The exam will last a maximum of two hours and consist of five parts: listening / audiovisual, grammar, reading comprehension, writing and speaking. Each of the parts will contribute 20% of the final exam.

#### **Final exam**

The exam will last a maximum of two hours and consist of five parts: listening / audiovisual, grammar, reading comprehension, writing and speaking. Each of the parts will contribute 20% of the final exam.

#### **Writing assignments**

- Visit to the Castle. Students will receive a packet of photocopies of the work to be done. This will include a short essay about the visit.
- Visit to the Central Market. Students will receive a handout about all the required tasks previous to visit. It will include a short essay about the visit.

#### **Class Participation**

Active participation is 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. If a student fails to submit the work on time:

- 1) If any student submits the assignment one day late, the grade will be lowered by -10%.
- 2) If it is 2 days late, the grade will be lowered by -20%.
- 3) If its 3 or more days late, it will imply a grade of zero (0%) in the assignment.

It is the student responsibility to check with the professor any work submitted by email (unless the student receives a message confirming the assignment's delivery, we will assume the assignment was never sent and/or received).

### 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 only be 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) may 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) Missing 1 day of class during the Intensive Language Cycle implies 4 course hours.
- 3) 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% (9 hours) 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 (September 12-19, 2017). 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**      **Readings:** Corpas, J., Garmendia, A., Soriano, C., *Aula 4*. Difusión. Barcelona: 2015

**Unit 1: ¿Se te dan bien las lenguas?**

Express abilities  
Express emotions  
Connect sentences

**Unit 2: ¡Basta ya!**

Express wishes, claims and necessity  
Propose solutions  
Write a letter reporting a problem

**Unit 3: El turista accidental**



Resources to tell anecdotes  
Resources to show interest while listening to a story  
Tell about cause and effect

**Assignment 1 (Visit to the Castle)**  
**Midterm exam**

**Week 2**      **Readings:** Corpas, J., Garmendia, A., Soriano, C., *Aula 4*. Difusión. Barcelona: 2015

**Unit 4: Tenemos que hablar**

Express interests and feelings  
Tell about relations among people  
Show disagreement in different registers  
Tone down disagreements  
Counter-argument

**Unit 5: De diseño**

Describe features and use of something  
Give opinions about objects

**Unit 6: Un mundo mejor**

Value situations and events  
Give opinions about actions and behaviors

**Assignment 2 (Visit to the old town)**  
**Final exam**

**Course materials**

**Readings**

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

**Online resources**

- [aula.difusion.com](http://aula.difusion.com)