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Español

en Andalucía



Spanish Courses in Granada





The school

We have been teaching Spanish as a foreign language since 1986.

Escuela Montalbán has been offering Spanish courses in Granada, Spain since 1986. We are accredited by the Spanish **Instituto Cervantes** since 2002 and we are also a **D.E.L.E. examination centre** in Granada.

Students from all over the world and of all ages participate in our Spanish language programme throughout the year. An extensive cultural programme always complements the courses. The school building with its Andalusian style, its friendly classrooms and its beautiful «patio» retains much of the charm and intimacy of a family home. It is situated in a quiet location just ten minutes away from the city centre. We are a medium-

sized school and welcome about 1000 students per year. We are organised as a cooperative and the teaching staff participate in decision-making at the school and with respect to the course outline as a whole.

Our aim is to create a lively and stimulating relationship between teachers and students. We encourage students to talk and interact both inside and outside the classroom and, more generally, to enjoy their time in Granada. This sociable and warm atmosphere ensures rapid personal progress in a short period of time.

Escuela Montalbán is a member of the **German-Spanish TANDEM Language Schools association**.

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The team

Our permanent teaching team is in charge of the whole course programme, managed and directed by a coordinator. All our teachers are native speakers with university degrees, and they specialise in teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

Directors:

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Granada

City of the Alhambra: the awe-inspiring Moorish palace, unique in the Western world.

Granada, the birthplace of the poet **Federico García Lorca**, is without a doubt one of the most fascinating cities in southern Spain. It is also an important university town with almost 250,000 inhabitants and more than 70,000 students.

With its world-famous **Alhambra**, rich culture and lively night-life, it is the ideal place to both study and take a holiday: week-ends on the **Mediterranean coast**, winter sports, horseback-riding or trekking in the **Sierra Nevada**, trips to the picturesque villages of the **Alpujarras**, gypsy **Flamenco** in **Sacromonte**, Salsa or Tango dancing, the **Arabic baths** or walks through the historical Moorish quarter of the **Albaicín**, are just a few of the many possibilities to enjoy and experience the lifestyle of this unique city. At the end of the day, one can also relax with a glass of red wine served with a free «tapa» on the small squares giving out onto the Alhambra and the beautiful snow-covered mountain tops of the Sierra Nevada.

Tapas

A tapa is a type of appetizer which is served when you order a drink. Serving tapas to customers is a typical Spanish tradition preserved through the whole of Spain, but the difference in Granada is that the tapas are free.

Festivals & Holidays

- MARCH** :: International Tango Festival
- APRIL** :: Easter Week «Semana Santa» with daily processions
- MAY** :: May 3rd, «Día de la Cruz»
:: Festival week «Corpus Christi»
- JULY** :: International Festival of Music and Dance
:: Jazz on the coast
:: Flamenco at the Alhambra Gardens «Lorca y Granada»
:: Flamenco «Los Veranos del Corral»
- SEPTEMBER** :: Flamenco in Granada and surroundings
:: Festival week at the Zaidín with Rock & Flamenco
:: Festival Granada Sound
- NOVEMBER** :: International Jazz Festival



Blanco, verde y rojo

«Hay en el paisaje de Granada un diálogo de blancos, verdes y rojos. La mirada del viajero quedará polarizada, si la estación lo permite, por la nieve de Sierra Nevada y en la cercanía, siempre, por el blanco más compartimentado de las geometrías del Albaicín. Los verdes llegan unas veces en ángulo rasante desde los regadíos y las choperas de la vega; otra, desde las hileras de olivos de los secanos; otras, desde los encinares residuales o desde el artificio romántico de los bosques de la Alhambra. En otras ocasiones, en fin, la percepción se satura con los rojos encendidos del atardecer y de su reflejo en las colinas y en las torres – ambas bermejas – de la Alhambra.» Francisco Ortega Alba



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Spanish Course Programme

Our school offers a variety of courses which can last from one week to a whole year. Classes take place throughout the year at 6 different levels (A1/A2/B1/B2/C1/C2) which correspond to those set out in the «**European Framework for Language Learning, Teaching and Evaluation**». They are limited to a maximum of 10 students and are held from Monday to Friday between 09.00 h and 18.00 h. There are 4, 5 or 6 language lessons per day, each lasting 45 minutes.

All the classes are conducted entirely in Spanish. The ultimate objective is to develop and facilitate expression, comprehension and interaction among the students. Classes are divided into two distinct parts. **The first one deals** with the language itself, its grammar structures and communicative functions, while **the second part** is centred on discussing specific cultural matters in order to integrate all abilities and skills. This means that **beginners** will learn Spanish for everyday situations, whereas, in the more **advanced courses**, students become involved in selecting topics of discussion according to their individual needs and interests. The reality of Spain in transition, the contradictions in the socio-political and cultural developments of modern Spain, the situation of ethnic minorities, the Spanish Civil War and Franco's dictatorship, Federico García Lorca or the ancient Moorish history are just a few examples of possible subjects which can be covered in class. We always pay particular attention to aspects related to Andalusia.

The school library with approximately 500 novels, grammar books, course books and journals, and the video library with more than 400 recent Spanish films are available to our students free of charge.

A certificate of attendance will be handed out at the end of each course. If they so wish, students are also able to participate in a final examination in order to obtain the official **SIELE certificate** issued by the Instituto Cervantes.

Spanish courses throughout the year adapted to all levels.

General Spanish Courses

Intensive 20

The Intensive Course with 4 lessons per day allows students to complement holidays with language learning. The course is recommended for those students who wish to combine a relaxed language course with a Spanish cultural experience by travelling and adapting to the Andalusian way of life. Students who book this course can request for **ECTS credits**. We grant discounts on this course for **Erasmus students** who study at Granada University.

Intensive 20+5 / Intensive 20+10

These courses combine 4 group classes with 1 or 2 private classes per day. The group classes aid interaction and help students to improve their Spanish speaking skills. The private classes allow individual students to cover areas that need extra practice or study special topics.

Intensive 25 / Intensive 30

These Intensive Courses with 5 or 6 lessons per day guarantee maximum personal progress within a short period of time. These courses are ideal for people whose stay in Spain is mainly work-oriented or study-based.

Individual Course

These courses are adapted to specific needs. Students individually plan the pace, the length and the content of their language course.

Spanish Online

Take private online classes from the comfort of your home! They are available to students who have signed up for a course with us and want to prepare a bit before coming to Spain. You can also take them after you have finished your course with us and would like to keep on studying.

cursos intensivos

Workshops: Writing / Conversation

Students practice their written Spanish by writing and editing texts, using extracts from literary novels, poetry and other sources which vary according to their individual interests. During the conversation course they practice their oral Spanish. These workshops are private and for advanced levels.

Culture Course

This culture course of 5 private lessons per week is adapted to students of intermediate and advanced levels who wish to practice the Spanish language by discussing historical, social and cultural topics closely related to Spain and Andalusia.

Teacher Training

The main objective of our training course “Curso práctico de 1 y 2 semanas - perfeccionamiento y reciclaje para profesores no nativos de español como lengua extranjera - Niveles C1/C2” is to offer non-native Spanish teachers the opportunity to update and perfect their knowledge of the Spanish language and to **exchange experiences regarding methodological and pedagogical** issues. Spanish teachers who work at public schools or in the field of adult education participate in our training courses. This programme meets the requirements for Erasmus+ grants.

Special Programmes

School trips

We offer programmes for secondary school groups throughout the year. On request, we will prepare a tailor-made programme for you.

Spanish for families

We offer Spanish courses for parents and children (*minimum age 10 years old*) all year round. Enquire for a programme with a cost proposal!

Intensive 20 + University access PCE/UNEDasiss

Our preparation programme Spanish course and access to the university allows you to learn Spanish in Granada, to prepare the Specific Competences Tests (P.C.E.), to sit the exams and to enter any university in Spain.



Spanish at a teacher's home

Our programme «Spanish at a teacher's home» combines a Spanish course (private tuition or group course) and half board accommodation at the teacher's home.

Participants will live in an independent and fully equipped apartment. The teacher's family lives in La Zubia, a village situated about 7 km from Granada, at the edge of the Sierra Nevada National Park. The programme is recommended for adult students with a conversation level, wishing to practice the language. If participants love nature, animals, mountain sports and if they are interested in ecology, political and social issues, they have the opportunity to exchange ideas while having dinner with the family.

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Spanish Course Programme

A variety of courses to suit all tastes.

D.E.L.E. Exams

Our school is an accredited examination centre for the **D.E.L.E. exams** in Granada. The internationally recognised certificates («Diploma de Espanol como Lengua Extranjera») are issued by the Spanish Ministry of Education. The exams are organised by F.E.D.E.L.E. and the Instituto Cervantes, and are held in Granada at the same time as in other Spanish cities and centres abroad.

The D.E.L.E. preparation courses are designed for students at intermediate or advanced levels. You can sign up for different types of preparation courses. These programmes prepare students for the A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2 exams.

Spanish for specific purposes

The **Business Spanish** courses are ideal for professionals who wish to improve their Spanish rapidly and efficiently to adapt to a Spanish-speaking working environment. This programme combines an Intensive 20 course with 2 private classes per day of Business Spanish. Topics covered in the private Spanish classes are general business correspondence, business negotiations and the subject of Spain's role in the international economy. This course can also be booked by students who want to study **Spanish for Tourism**.

Spanish for Body & Mind

Flamenco art

This course provides the opportunity of experiencing and learning the practical skills of Flamenco dancing at the heart of Andalusia. The **gypsy quarter of the Sacromonte** is considered the cradle of the Flamenco art in Granada. The school gives students the opportunity of complementing a Spanish course with private Flamenco dance classes held by a recognised and qualified dance teacher. There are classes at all levels, starting with beginners (rumbas) up to the more advanced levels (alegrías, tangos, bulerías, soleá). We also offer private **Flamenco guitar** courses.

Argentine Tango

For those who enjoy dancing, the school also organises a private programme with classes of Tango, a complex and fiery dance originating from Buenos Aires and Montevideo. Qualified dance teachers come and teach 4 classes at the school over two evenings a week. Fans of this passionate dance shouldn't miss the **International Tango Festival** in March, one of the definite highlights of Granada's annual cultural programme arranging shows, dance classes and concerts. The classes at the school start every week and accept dancers of all levels.



Salsa classes

In addition to a Spanish course, we offer students private Salsa classes in collaboration with a local dance studio. Classes take place during two evenings per week. So you can dance Salsa during your language holiday, meet locals, make new friends and improve your Spanish while going out.

Spanish cooking

There is no better way of being introduced to the delights of the diverse Andalusian gastronomy than by being taken directly inside an Andalusian kitchen. Our teachers are professional and experienced cooks who will demonstrate the preparation of local dishes or «tapas», pointing out the **Arabic legacy** which has influenced the Andalusian cuisine. Join us at our school in Granada where you can add 2 cooking sessions a week to your Spanish course.

Photo walks

We offer photo walks during the afternoons in addition to a general Spanish course. The excursions include one photographic stroll through the city. We invite you to get to know **Granada**, photographing its emblematic places, seeing at the same time unknown places in the **Albaicin** or the **Sacromonte** with new perspectives, views and suggestive details to portray.

Federico García Lorca

As an addition to a Spanish course we offer a variety of workshops and guided visits regarding the life of Federico García Lorca in Granada.

Yoga experience

If you want to continue your Yoga practice during a Spanish course in Granada, or try Yoga for the first time, this is the course for you. The main objectives of the course are to learn Spanish, to practice Yoga and have contact with local people, as you will join a local Yoga class group.

The culture of Al-Andalus

We offer a programme in addition to a Spanish course with workshops and guided visits about the Arabic culture in Granada. You will visit the old Moorish quarter Albaicin and the world-famous Alhambra. We give you the opportunity to relax in the Arabic bath or experience the Arabic heritage in workshops about cooking and calligraphy.

Horseback riding in Sierra Nevada

Students can supplement their course with one horseback riding tour per week in the Sierra Nevada national park. They will be able to admire an impressive natural environment and observe the incredibly varied flora and fauna of this Mediterranean mountain range.

Hiking in natural parks

For those thinking of learning Spanish and hiking in Andalusia the area around Granada often ranks highly as a choice of venues. One of the main attractions of this beautiful area is the wide variety of landscapes that are available within a very short distance. We offer one guided hike per week throughout the year.

Rock climbing

Situated at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains, Granada is surrounded by pristine limestone, equipped with more quality sport climbing than you can imagine. Thanks to the reliable and sunny weather, there are great climbing possibilities throughout the year. We offer one guided rock climbing afternoon per week all year round.





Spanish in Spain

Combined courses: six cities, six cultures, one language.

We offer the **programme „Spanish in Spain“** in partnership with other Tandem or partner schools in Spain. Students can study Spanish for a while in Granada and then continue to learn in another city, having the choice between San Sebastián, Barcelona, Madrid or Cádiz.

San Sebastián

Situated on the **Spanish Northern Atlantic coast**, San Sebastián offers extraordinary landscapes and a completely different lifestyle from Andalusia. Throughout the year visitors can enjoy both sea and mountain activities, discover ancient culture and traditions, the lively atmosphere in the old town, and have the unique opportunity to taste the traditional menus of the Basque gastronomy. Only a short distance away, one can also surf in Biarritz, trek in the

Pyrenees, follow the Pilgrims' Route to Santiago, visit the Rioja wine cellars, or the avant-garde Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

Barcelona

The Catalan capital offers countless possibilities for an unforgettable stay: museums, parks, exhibitions, bars, restaurants, excursions to Montserrat, to Sitges or to the Dalí Museum in Figueras. Moreover, you can enjoy a day at the beautiful beaches. During a stay in Barcelona you can stroll along the Ramblas and the port, enjoy the architecture as well as art and get lost in the narrow streets of the Gothic Quarter trying their excellent tapas.

Madrid

As Spain's capital, Madrid is a city of impressive and unique monuments and squares. The city's highlights include its Medieval centre, dating back to the Habsburg Empire, and its wealthy Art collections, housed by some of the best museums in the world including the Prado, the Reina Sofía and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, which all display the best works of traditional and modern Spanish artists. As well as being a popular cultural destination, Madrid is also a **lively and dynamic metropolis** with lots of pubs, cafes and nightclubs open until late at night.

Cádiz

Cádiz is one of Europe's oldest cities; founded around 1100 BC by the Phoenicians it has, ever since, been one of Spain's principal harbours. With its open squares, narrow alleyways, 18th century houses, and great nightlife, its atmosphere is one of a kind. Cádiz is legendarily known for its **Carnival festivities** in February/March and attracts visitors all year with its excellent weather and golden pebble-strewn beaches.

Students who want to travel to South America can combine a Spanish course in Granada with a course at our Tandem school in **Santiago de Chile**.

OTHER SERVICES

- :: Student service and counselling, travel advice, visa application, accommodation booking, airport transfer services, travel and health insurances
- :: A 24 hour emergency phone line
- :: A «patio» as a meeting place for our students and a nearby café
- :: Free WIFI
- :: Tandem language exchange programme
- :: Free use of book and video library
- :: Ticket reservations for the Alhambra
- :: External examinations



cursos
combinados

Spanish Cultural Programme

The study of a foreign language implies learning about a new culture and way of life.

In the afternoons and evenings we regularly offer a variety of activities which include:

- :: Conferences on topics such as the economic and political situation of Modern Spain, the Andalusian Moorish culture or Federico García Lorca.
- :: Film sessions dedicated to particular Spanish directors.
- :: Visits to the Arabic baths, theatre and Flamenco concerts.
- :: Guided tours to the Alhambra or the old Moorish quarter of the Albaicín.
- :: Trips to villages in the surrounding area or to the beach.
- :: Trekking and horseback riding in the Sierra Nevada National Park.
- :: Practical cooking courses to learn about Mediterranean cuisine.
- :: Wine and olive oil tasting.

Federico García Lorca

Federico García Lorca was born in Fuentevaqueros, in the outskirts of Granada in 1898. He was a poet, dramatist and theatre director and a member of the 1927 Generation. On the 19th of August 1936, at the beginning of the Spanish

Civil War, he was the victim of a mass-execution campaign and murdered by members of the Fascist group the «Falange», for being a supporter and ally of the Popular Front. Under Franco's dictatorial regime, his major poetic works such as «El Romancero Gitano», and his famous plays such as «Bodas de Sangre», «Yerma» and «La casa de Bernarda Alba», were all censored. Lorca is now universally recognised as one of the most influential and successful Spanish poets of the 20th Century and he is certainly seen as **Spain's greatest dramatist** since the Golden Age. Within the **weekly cultural programme**, we regularly organise conferences and workshops on Federico García Lorca's works, as well as guided visits to the Lorca Museums in Granada and Fuentevaqueros.

Travel Programme

Every weekend we offer interesting travel options lasting from one to several days in Andalusia, which generally include trips to Seville, Córdoba, Ronda or the Costa Tropical and excursions to the Alpujarras. We also organise hiking weekends in the Alpujarra Mountains, scuba-diving weekends in the beautiful natural Park of Gabo de Gata near Almería or trips to Northern Morocco.



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Our school - a space of solidarity

Sustainability and responsibility have always been part of our vocabulary.

Today, more than ever, we believe in the importance of travelling. It's only by travelling and meeting new people that we begin to understand that we all share the same world. So how do we make that ride not just a quick fairground twirl, but something that we can enjoy for our travelling lives and pass on to future generations? By changing our travel habits and thinking differently about how, where and why we travel. Responsible travel means assessing our effect on the environment, local cultures and economies, and acting in a way that makes our impact as positive as possible.

Intercultural Exchange

Since 1988 we have been a member of the **TANDEM network**. This network has language institutes spread throughout the world which all discern themselves thanks to the high quality of their classes and their friendly atmosphere. Tandem schools place a special emphasis on the cultural integration of their students, by facilitating **language exchanges** with native speakers in addition to their courses. As a Tandem school we endeavour, if requested, to find a suitable language partner from Granada who is learning your native language. This enhances and accelerates the language learning process and

encourages intercultural exchange. You meet your partner at least once or twice a week and take turns in being student and teacher, dividing the time between the two languages.

- :: In order to obtain a partner, you need to attend a long-term course for at least 8 weeks.
- :: Tandem exchanges are not suitable for beginners.
- :: We cannot guarantee this programme, particularly during the holiday period from June to September or for certain native languages which are uncommon.
- :: Language partners are allocated in the order in which the enrolments are received.
- :: This service is free of charge.
- :: Due to the high demand for these exchanges and depending on their availability, on many occasions we collaborate with language exchange companies located in our city.

Our school collaborates with the agency **Responsible Travel** in England and supports campaigns such as Verträglich Reisen, Sanftes Reisen and atmosfair.

intercambio





Accommodation

Living in Granada is an enriching multicultural experience.

All accommodation offered to the students is carefully selected and is less than a 20 minute walking distance from the school. The school offers the following options:

School flat

These are single or double rooms in flats shared with other students from the school. Students share the kitchen, bathroom and communal areas. This option allows students to live in an international environment. All flats are located in the city center. Generally students of the age group 18 to 25 years prefer this type of accommodation.

Homestay

We recommend this accommodation option for younger students or for those who don't want to cook by themselves. Students live in host families, with individuals or couples. Accommodation includes breakfast, and can be half or full board. Students eat with their hosts and this offers an ideal and enjoyable opportunity to practice the language.

For further information regarding accommodation in a hotel, hostel, self-catering apartment or at a teachers home, please contact us.

Travelling to Granada

Getting there & away.

Regular or low-cost flights to **Málaga** are available from most European airports. An airport bus takes you to the bus station in the centre of Málaga, from where there is an hourly bus service to Granada with ALSA company. The journey lasts 90 minutes. ALSA also offers direct connections from Malaga airport to Granada several times per day. If you are unable to catch the last bus from Málaga to Granada, contact us and we can book a hostel or hotel for you in Málaga.

Granada Airport has flight connections to Barcelona and Madrid allowing students to connect their flights directly to our city.

Please contact us if you want to book an **airport transfer** or if you need further information about train and bus connections from other Spanish cities to Granada.

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We are recognised by the following institutions which certify our quality as a Spanish language school:



- :: Instituto Cervantes since 2002
- :: Examination center D.E.L.E.
- :: Examination center SIELE
- :: TANDEM® Language Schools
- :: Madrid Chamber of Commerce
- :: National Distance University UNED
- :: Association of Spanish language schools in Granada
- :: Association of Spanish language schools in Andalusia (EEA)
- :: National association of Spanish language schools (FEDELE)
- :: CSN Sweden
- :: Catholic University of Murcia (ECTS credits)
- :: Bildungsurlaub
- :: Erasmus+



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Last minute details about courses, prices, accommodation and special programmes are available online. Please contact us for further information.