



Spanish Language and Culture Courses

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The University of La Rioja (UR) is located on a modern campus in Logroño, capital of the region, where 7,500 students are registered in any of its undergraduate programs, Doctorates, Masters and other Postgraduate Courses.

Destination La Rioja (Spain) - where the Spanish language was born -



All buildings of the University of La Rioja are grouped together on a single campus. The size of the campus, with lots of green open spaces, guarantees personal attention and an ideal atmosphere of cultural immersion for learning Spanish as a Foreign Language.



Students study in reduced groups, have free access to computer rooms with Internet facilities, to sports facilities and to the Library which is rated as one of the five best university libraries in Spain

Logroño (La Rioja)

Logroño is the capital of La Rioja, with a metropolitan area of 152,928 inhabitants and all the facilities of a modern capital. Logroño is linked with nearby capitals such as Bilbao, with the impressive Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank O.Gehry. Pamplona, whose running of the bulls during the Fiestas of San Fermín were made world famous by Ernest Hemingway, is only an hour away by road. The local airport offers daily flights to the international airports of Madrid and Barcelona.



La Rioja has 321.702 inhabitants who enjoy good quality of life and a high level of public safety. It is a region rich in history, culture, heritage and traditions.

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La Rioja is a region, world famous for its wines, crossed by **St. James' Way**, the most important pilgrims' route in all Christendom. The **Monasteries of San Millán de la Cogolla** are the birthplace of the oldest known written words of the Spanish language. They were included in UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1996.

The people of La Rioja are known for their open, cheerful, and hospitable character. They shower their guests with the best of the regional cuisine – where the “calle Laurel” is the most typical place to meet in Logroño– offering its **wines** and a range of original **'tapas'**.

Logroño is culturally a lively city. The Actual **Festival** is a date not to be missed to know the latest trends in music, films and art. **Theatre** Bre-tón hosts the best theatre companies and shows of the season. “Rioja and the Five Senses” is a cultural festival devoted to wine, at harvest time, with lectures, concerts, exhibitions, tastings, etc.

The shows at the Riojaforum (concerts, opera, zarzuela, etc.), the route of the monasteries (Ca-ñas, Nájera, Valvanera) or the Museum of the Culture of Wine offer opportunities to enjoy culture in Logroño and the rest of La Rioja.

In Ezcaray, a lovely town which sits at the foot of the mountains, you can go **skiing** in winter and enjoy **jazz** music in the summer.

**There is much more,
but you will have to
come and find it for
yourself.**

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Spanish Language and Culture Courses

Spanish Language Courses at the University of La Rioja, given by specialist university teachers, are addressed to students of all nationalities who want to learn Spanish or improve their level of the language.



Language courses are offered in several levels, according to the Common European Framework of reference for languages and complement with studies about different aspects of the Spanish Culture.

Program

Term courses, consist of two parts:

- 1) 150 hours of Spanish Language.
- 2) Complementary courses: students have to choose a minimum of 45 hours of additional courses in Spanish Language and Culture.

Monthly courses, 4 weeks duration, offered at specific times during the year.

Preparatory courses for the DELE exam.

Dates

- Academic year: October to June
- Autumn course: October to December
- Winter course: January to March
- Spring course: April to June
- Monthly courses*: Throughout the academic year
- Preparatory courses for DELE*: 2 weeks prior to the examination sessions.

* Will be programmed from a minimum number of students

Levels

Beginner, intermediate, advanced (according to the number of students enrolled per course), adapted to the Common European Framework of reference for languages.

There will be a placement test at the beginning of each course.

Certificate

At the end of the course, students will receive a Certificate from the University of La Rioja, stating the name of the course, the number of hours of attendance and the qualification obtained. Students will be able to transfer the credits, according to their home University criteria.

Teachers

Teachers from the University of La Rioja and guest teachers.

Other activities

Guided tours around La Rioja, visits to wine cellars, guided wine tastings with enologists, regional cuisine, sports, cultural issues, etc. are programmed.

Accommodation

- Students Residence
- Host families
- Shared flats

Insurance

Medical and travel insurance included in the registration fee.



Complementary Courses

Each term, several courses adapted to the different levels are programmed, offering the student the opportunity to deepen his/her knowledge of the Spanish language, learning about various aspects of the Spanish culture and obtaining specific training in particular professional areas.



The courses programmed, given by university specialists in the corresponding subjects, are:

- Conversation and communication practice I and II (30 hours).
- Spanish for business (30 hours).
- Spanish cinema (30 hours).
- Introduction to the culture and production of wine (30 hours).
- Spanish language through Spanish literature (15 hours).
- Spanish culture and civilisation (15 hours).
- Approach to the European Union (15 hours).
- History and Art on St. James' Way (15 hours).
- Spanish culture through its Gastronomy I and II (15 hours).
- Basic skills to learn Spanish I (15 hours).

Courses of level I are advised for beginners

Those students with a sufficiently high level of Spanish will be able to attend University classes as **visiting students** in degree courses offered at the University of La Rioja.

The University acts as **Examination Centre for the Instituto Cervantes** allowing students to obtain the DELE diploma (Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera).

Personalized Courses

The University of La Rioja, offers flexible and personalized courses, adapted to the specific needs and requirements of groups in various areas, such as:

- Spanish and Enology (the language of wine).
- Spanish and Foreign Trade.
- Spanish and Gastronomy.
- Spanish for Business.
- Spanish Literature and Linguistic.
- Spanish and

These courses can be customized to Universities, Institutions, Companies and Individuals throughout the year.



Registration

To enrol on any of the courses you must submit:

- The application form.
- A photocopy of passport or identity card.
- Payment receipt of fees (bank expenses to be paid by the student).

The whole process can be done on-line via the web site

<http://fundacion.unirioja.es/espanol/ing/inscripcion.shtml>



The registration fee includes:

- Registration on the chosen course.
- Educational materials.
- Guided tours around the city, tourist sites and museums as well as nearby places of interest.
- Certificates and Diplomas.
- Accommodation information.
- Medical and travel insurance.
- Access to the University of La Rioja facilities:
 - Library and reading rooms.
 - Computer rooms.
 - Sports facilities.



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