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# Spanish language and culture courses in La Rioja

CASA DE LAS LENGUAS, UNIVERSITY OF LA RIOJA

# Study Spanish where it originated

Estudia español  
en el origen



# Welcome!

## ¡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 this language were written; more specifically in the monasteries of San Millán de la Cogolla, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

This geographical setting is the core of the Language Valley Project, an international benchmark in Spanish language activities related to learning, tourism, culture, science and artificial intelligence.

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 that are scattered across our 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.

As for Spanish language courses, our university offers a wide variety of options for students at all levels. Our highly-qualified teachers will teach you to speak, write, read and understand **Spanish effectively and quickly**. Furthermore, our classes are small and **personalised**, allowing you to receive individual attention and detailed feedback to improve your language skills.

The University of La Rioja is a prestigious academic institution and our Spanish courses are designed to help you **achieve your language goals effectively** and in a stimulating academic environment.

In short, the Spanish courses at the University of La Rioja offer you a unique opportunity to **learn Spanish in the cradle of the language** while enjoying the delicious food and wine culture of our region. **Join us today and discover all that La Rioja has to offer!**





Yuso Monastery,  
San Millán de La Cogolla, La Rioja.

The Spanish Language and Culture Courses of the Casa de las Lenguas in the University of La Rioja take place in a unique setting, in the 'cradle of the Spanish language', the Monasteries of Yuso and Suso in San Millán de la Cogolla. This historic-artistic ensemble enjoys international recognition, being listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and located in the French Route, the ancient Pilgrim's Way to Santiago de Compostela.

The first texts in the Castilian language were written in the eleventh century in this idyllic setting in the district of Nájera and the Upper Najerilla and its tributaries (especially the rivers Cárdenas and Tobía). This geographical setting is the core of the Language Valley Project, an international benchmark in Spanish language activities related to learning, tourism, culture, science and artificial intelligence.

Academic activities take place mainly in the modern facilities of the University of La Rioja, a dynamic and innovative institution, and they include **educational, cultural and recreational stays** in the surroundings of San Millán and in other iconic locations that are part of La Rioja culture (activities related to winemaking, such as winery tours and wine tastings, local feasts, shoe crafts, and many more).

**The courses are taught by specialist university lecturers and experienced professionals.** They employ innovative methods and feature applied technologies. This training is offered at various levels, in line with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, and it is complemented by knowledge of various aspects of Spanish culture.

This linguistic immersion allows you to:

- **DEEPEN AND STRENGTHEN YOUR SPANISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION**
- **DISCOVER DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF SPANISH CULTURE**
- **RECEIVE SPECIFIC TRAINING IN PROFESSIONAL FIELDS**
- **APPLY NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO LANGUAGE LEARNING**

## ACTIVITIES

# Culture and leisure

As part of the Language Valley project, our training programme offers students the opportunity to attend the many courses, events and cultural activities that take place throughout the year.

You can enjoy creative writing workshops led by renowned writers; meetings with national and international writers, scriptwriters and film makers; attend the Voces de la Lengua shows (an innovative poetic, theatrical and musical experience in Spanish), discover crafts, visit museums and wineries, and more. This combination makes the University of La Rioja a unique place for cultural immersion, ideal for learning Spanish as a foreign language.

In La Rioja,  
people are  
**amazing**

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 that take advantage of the rich natural, historic and cultural assets of La Rioja.





### **Guided tours of wineries and grape growing areas:**

Vineyards, winemaking processes, artisanal utensils, tastings, etc...: Bodegas López de Heredia, Bodegas Valenciso, Bodega Finca Valpiedra, etc.

### **Stretches along The Way of St James**

Logroño-Navarrete and Navarrete-Nájera.

### **Tours of the Monasteries of San Millán de la Cogolla:**

Yuso and Suso.

### **Dinosaur routes**

Finds dating back 140 million years.

### **Museums:**

Vivanco Wine Culture Museum and Winery, Würth Museum, Museo de La Rioja, etc.

### **Guided tour of Logroño's Old Town:**

Palace of Los Chapiteles, Museo de La Rioja, Amós Salvador Room, House of Science, Espacio Lagares, Cubo del Revelín, Casa de la Danza, etc.

### **Visits to curious localities in La Rioja, near Logroño:**

Haro (the largest concentration of hundred-year-old wineries in the world), Ezcaray (mountain sports), Calahorra (a two-thousand-year-old Roman city), Santo Domingo de la Calzada (listed as a cultural asset), etc.

### **Culinary and wine experiences:**

Pinchos in Calle del Laurel, etc.

## Complementary subjects

- 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 approach to regional diversity in Spain
- An approach to contemporary Spanish literature
- The media
- A vision of Spanish society through short films

# 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

### AFTER YOUR STAY:

Provision of required documentation to  
validate credits  
Sending of reports to home universities

### ACCOMMODATION:

Different options are provided (**the proximity of the different places of residence is an assurance of quality during your whole 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 subjects taken, the hours received and the grade obtained, students have the possibility of obtaining the Instituto Cervantes International Spanish Language Evaluation Service SIELE CERTIFICATE, officially certifying your level of proficiency in the Spanish language.

Casa de las Lenguas is an examination centre for these certificates, which are recognised by leading international organisations in language education.

# Courses and prices

	Spanish language	Spanish culture	Total training	Price
Monthly courses	60/70 hours		60/70 hours	€615 /€695
Quarterly courses	150 hours	45 hours	195 hours	€1395
Semester courses	300 hours	90 hours	390 hours	€2535
Full academic year	450 hours	135 hours	585 hours	€3595
Summer course	80 hours		80 hours	€775

## In addition...

### Intensive summer courses

Specialised one-week intensive courses are offered:

- Specialist courses for Teachers of Spanish as a Foreign Language.
- Spanish language courses for specific purposes: Spanish for wine culture.

### Grants

Throughout the year, there are calls for applications for grants to cover the tuition fees for Spanish language and culture courses, as well as for specialist intensive courses (for teachers of Spanish as a foreign language and Spanish for specific purposes).

### Personalised 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: business, tourism, winemaking, literature, etc. These courses, which are organised throughout the year, offer a choice of programme content, dates and duration.

Some examples of courses offered in the past:

- Spanish language for specific purposes: winemaking, foreign trade, food, business and tourism, among others.
- Spanish culture and civilisation
- Spanish language literature and cinema.

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 [valle.lengua@unirioja.es](mailto:valle.lengua@unirioja.es) and you will receive an adapted proposal without compromise.

## Would you like to receive information about our courses?

Name

Surname

E-mail (in CAPITAL LETTERS)

Telephone

Current study centre

Course you are interested in

Qualification

Signature



By signing you give your consent to the University of La Rioja to send you academic information about the courses available in our educational offer. You can update or delete your personal data and notify us that you do not wish to receive any further information at any time.

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