

INTENSIVE SPANISH & CULTURE COURSE

Spanish Year-Round

Overview

This course helps students rapidly acquire fluency in Spanish, no matter what their ambitions and level are. Intensive Spanish & Culture course is designed to improve the Spanish language skills for general use. **Starting in July 2021 (Every Monday)**, these classes cover all levels, from complete beginner (level A1) to proficient user (level C2). Our objective for students is to learn the language and to use it with confidence. Various learning practices (oral and written expression, listening comprehension, audio and video materials, text reading, etc.) and **focus on interactive communication** will advance the students improvement. **The students will not only learn Spanish effectively, but gain knowledge on the social, cultural and political life in Argentina.**

Information

Start dates: every Monday - July 2021

Duration: minimum attendance is 1 week

Hours per day: 5 classes/seminars of 55 minutes each

Spanish Levels: A1-A2-B1-B2-C1-C2 / Our academic coordinator suggests the appropriate level for each student after a personal interview and a placement test

Time schedule: morning from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Afternoon from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Max. number of students per class: 12

Requirements: age 16+

Certificates: participation certificate for every participant.

Optional University Credits: students can obtain 3 university credits for their 3-week Spanish studies in Córdoba. They have to pass a final exam and this allows them to obtain a certificate which in turn can be transformed into university credits in their home country. The exam has a cost of USD 50.

Rates in USD/Week

Inscription fee: **USD 75 - To be paid once.**

Spanish Course: **USD 100 per week.**

Homestay & Half Board: **USD 100 per week.**

What is included in the registration fee?

- Airport pick-up upon arrival
- Orientation
- Teaching materials
- Certificate including the amount of hours
- Language workshops
- Extracurricular activities

What is included in the tuition & accommodation fees?

- Welcome package & Orientation
- Level test, oral and written, before starting
- 20 hours a week of Spanish Language & Cultural
- 5-6 hours a week of seminars on cross-cultural studies
- Field visits & tango class
- Argentinean food & wine tasting
- Weekly tutorials after class
- Homestay – Half Board (Breakfast & dinner)
- Free Internet access-WI FI
- Audio and video rooms
- Hot and cold drinks
- Help in organizing trips around Argentina
- 24 hour hotline in Italian, English and German
- Civil Liability Insurance at School

The course does not include:

- All roundtrip Airfare
- Personal expenses
- Laundry service
- Visa fees
- Expenses for medical and other emergencies
- Health insurance
- Urban transport
- Personal travels and transfers
- Entertainment expenses

METHODOLOGY

In order to make best use of all the productive and helpful aspects of the different Spanish teaching methods currently in vogue, we have developed an approach that selectively picks the most valuable elements of each. Our objective is to take full advantage of the different pedagogical principles for Spanish language education. This way, our methodology combines the latest strategies and methods (process and communicative approaches) with the more traditional ones that have proven to be efficient over many years (formal and functional approaches).

Our selective methodology was developed to meet the requirements of learning Spanish in an immersion context, and is based on the specifications proposed by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This comprehensive teaching method allows students to develop simultaneously and in a harmonic way all the foreign language learning skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing), together with strategic skills. This way, it facilitates the integration of the students' different learning styles and abilities. Our experience shows that this approach is significantly enhancing our students' progress in acquiring content and developing language skills.

Indeed, learning a language is not only about learning grammar and vocabulary, but requires students to be able to put into practice their knowledge in different real-life situations. This also motivates our choice to integrate specific cultural contents (particularly the Argentine and Latin-American one) into the learning process. Communication requires knowing more than simply the structure of a language: it requires implicit knowledge of the cultural context in which interactions take place.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

We believe that language and culture go hand in hand. This is why we have designed programs rich in cultural content, the degree of which varies according to the duration of your specific program and skill level. These activities form an integral part of our teaching methodology to ensure that our students gain true insights and get answers about our history and culture.

Every Monday we propose our students a list of at least four weekly events, including academic activities and upcoming city programs.

- Walking tours
- Language workshops
- Movie nights
- Tango classes
- Museum visits
- Food & wine tasting
- Sports
- Nightlife

GROUP CLASSES

Group courses allow you a high degree of interactive learning. Groups are usually between 3 and 12 students. There are 6 skill levels to ensure a certain homogeneity necessary for faster learning.

Reduction of Lessons

Onix-Intercambio Cultural reserves the right to reduce the number of lessons in a class with less than 3 students. If there are 2 students in a class, lessons will be reduced by 50%. If there is 1 student in a class, lessons will be reduced by 60%.

(20 group lessons = 10 two-to-one lessons = 8 one-on-one lessons)

HOUSING

Each of our programs involves a homestay. Living and sharing the student's experience abroad with a homestay is one of the important highlights of studying overseas. In fact, this can be the most enriching and lasting aspect of studying in a foreign country. Many students often maintain relationships with their host families well beyond the conclusion of the program. Our homestays make up an important part of our team. The hosts are carefully selected and interviewed, and have extensive prior experience.

We highly recommend the homestay experience as it is the best choice for a true immersion experience, however, should the student have extenuating circumstances, or need special accommodations; please contact us to discuss other options.

Here is what the student can expect from the homestay in Argentina

- On the weekdays and weekends, a light breakfast and dinner are provided by your homestay. Lunch and merienda* are not included and is on his/her own
- Many homestays in Argentina are single mothers (host moms) with grown children. However, we do have different types of homestays and the final selection is based on your profile that you share with us
- Homestays are usually in apartments versus houses
- 90% of the Homestay are located in Downtown Córdoba and at walking distance from the school
- Our homestays are considered middle-class by local standards and live in very safe neighborhoods
- Homestays are located conveniently within a 5/15-minute commute to school. All homes have Wi-Fi.

Our Commitment

We strive to provide the richest cultural experience possible with our programs, and realize that housing while abroad is an integral part to the experience the students have. After acceptance into our program we will provide you with a Housing Questionnaire in order to learn about specific housing needs. We want this to be a positive experience for the students!

The cultural growth the students will experience by living with a local host is truly unmatched.

Meals

Breakfast and dinner are provided every day. Meals are a great way to spend time with a host and experience the local cuisine. We can accommodate most dietary requirements, such as gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian.

* Merienda is a light meal in Argentina. Usually taken in the afternoon, it fills in the meal gap between lunch at noon and dinner. It is a simple meal that often consists of a piece of fruit, cookies, yogurt, and other snacks paired with juice, hot chocolate, mate, coffee, spirits, and other beverages. It is typical for Argentines to have merienda or "tea" around 5pm. (Usually from 5 pm to 7 pm)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Students are responsible for observing the legal provisions applicable to enter and leave Argentina.
2. Personal expenses arising out of or related to the student's stay in Argentina are not included in the price of the purchased services.
3. Payments to Onix-Intercambio Cultural Foundation will be made exclusively using the methods specified by Onix-Intercambio Cultural. **The course fee must be paid in full prior the student arrival.**
4. Each organization/partner pays its own banking and financial charges.
5. Students will pay for the replacement or repair, if applicable, of the damages caused to any facilities/goods available to them at Onix-Intercambio Cultural, their host's residence as a result of negligent or inappropriate use. This clause includes, but is not limited to: furnishings, electrical appliances and PCs and their accessories.
6. **The partner is responsible for purchasing a comprehensive international health insurance policy to cover health care costs during the visit to Argentina.** Students release and forever discharge Onix-Intercambio Cultural Foundation and Partners from any and all liability whatsoever for medical attention and medical expenses during that period.
7. Students personally assume all risks, whether foreseen or unforeseen, for any harm, injury or damage that may befall them during their visit to Argentina. They are also fully responsible for their luggage and personal property entirely throughout their trip. Students release and forever discharge Onix-Intercambio Cultural Foundation and our Partners from any and all liability whatsoever for any direct or consequential loss, injury or damage arising from any of the aforementioned situations.
8. **University Credits. Optional:** students can obtain 3 university credits for their 3-week Spanish studies in Córdoba. They have to pass a final exam and this allows them to obtain a certificate which in turn can be transformed into university credits in their home country. **The exam has a cost of USD 50.**
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The School is located in downtown Córdoba. We have excellent transport connections to all parts of town. As most of central Córdoba, the School's neighborhood is a safe place, at day and night. It is close to major tourist attractions, theatres, cinemas and nightlife attractions. Our address is: Deán Funes 826 – PB 29 - CP 5.000 – Córdoba – Argentina.

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