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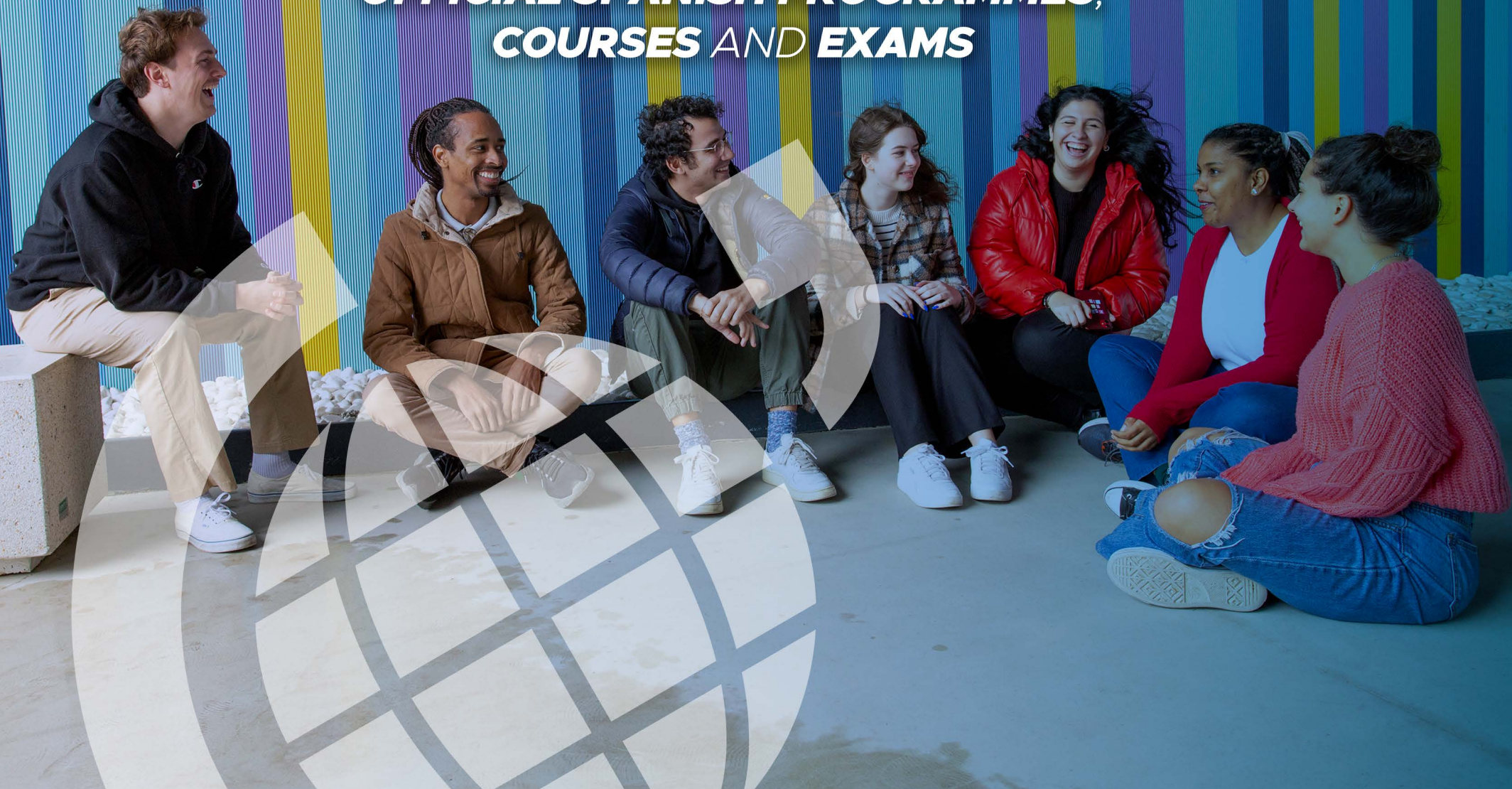
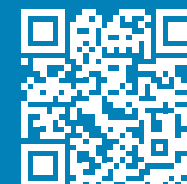
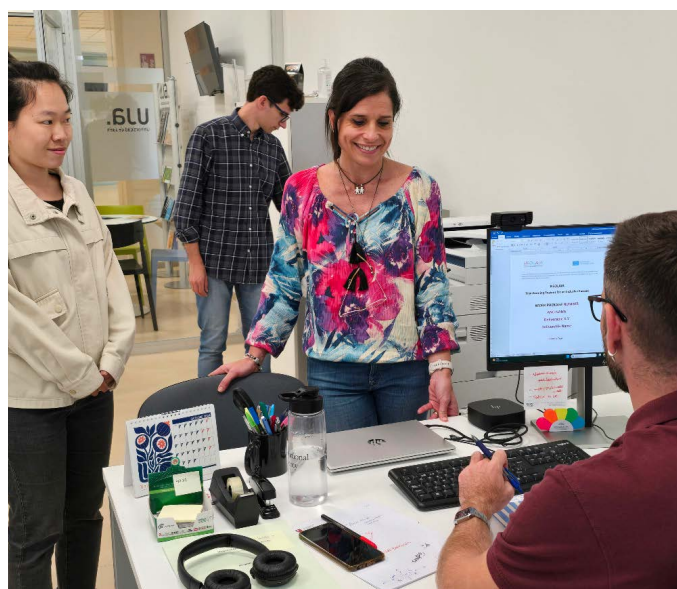
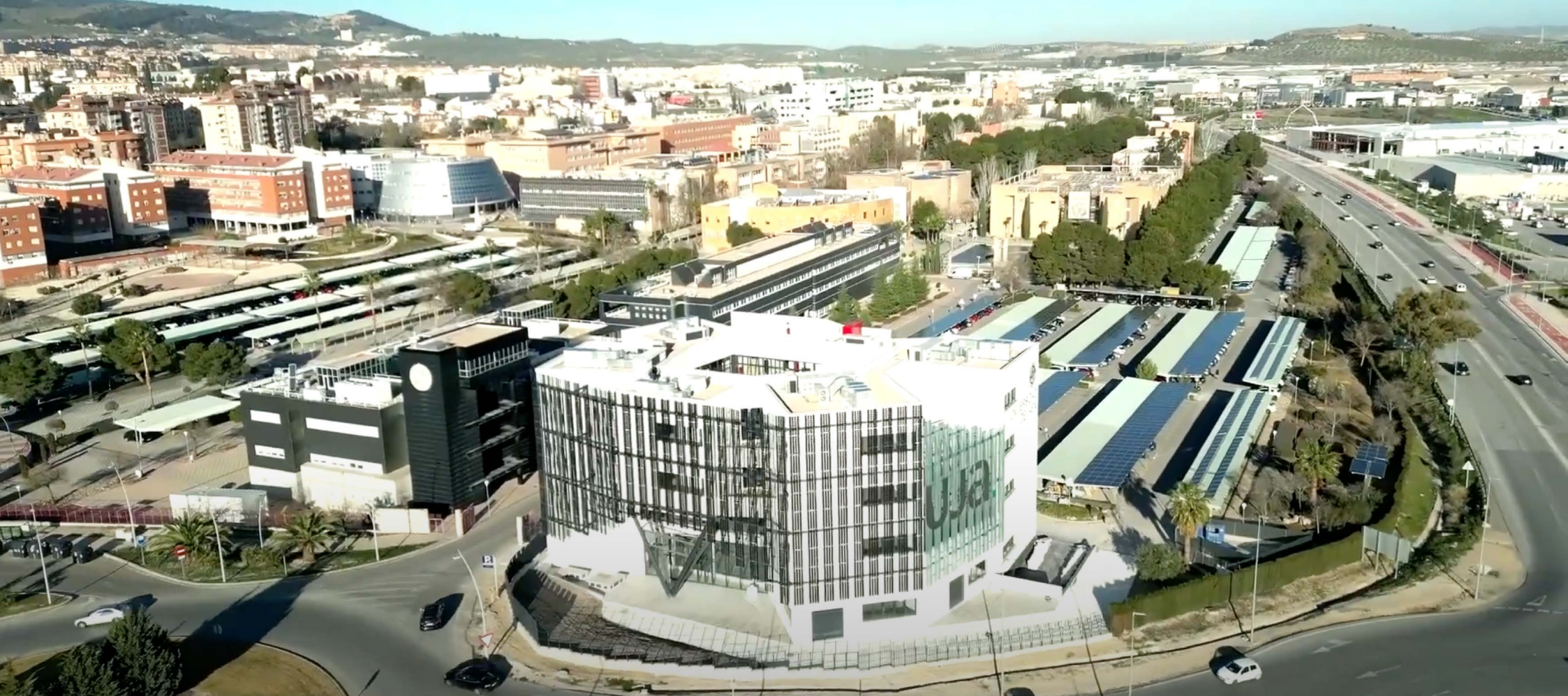


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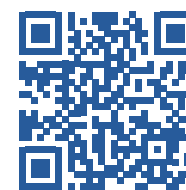
JAÉN AND ITS UNIVERSITY

The city of Jaén in the south of Spain is the ideal destination for students looking for a true language and cultural immersion experience. Known as an inland paradise, the province of Jaén, located in the heart of Andalusia, has historically been a crossroads and has been home to thousand-year-old civilisations that have left a deep imprint on its rich cultural and monumental heritage, making Jaén a land to discover. A true haven of authenticity and tradition.

There are many reasons why Jaén is an absolute gem: it is the world capital of olive oil, the province with the largest number of fortresses and castles in Europe and the largest area of protected natural spaces. It is also the only Spanish province with two UNESCO World Heritage Cities: Úbeda and Baeza, icons of the Spanish Renaissance.

The University of Jaén (UJA), founded in 1993, is constantly training its teaching staff and committed to research. It has two campuses, the Las Lagunillas Campus, where most of its schools are located, and the Linares Scientific and Technological Campus, which houses the Linares Higher Polytechnic School. With more than 17,000 students, of which some 15% are international, UJA is a dynamic, modern university open to the world. The teaching and scientific quality, together with its commitment to society and sustainable development, have positioned UJA as one of the best young universities in the world (THE Young University Ranking) and in terms of impact (THE Impact Rankings 2024), leading in Spain.

For more information, visit our Welcome Center and the UJA International portal:



The city of Jaén has a wide range of accommodations for any budget: hostels, holiday apartments, 3- and 4-star hotels and a youth hostel. The University of Jaén offers the university community accommodations at the Domingo Savio Dormitory and the university flats.

For more information, please consult the UJA accommodation guide.







THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN MODERN LANGUAGES (CEALM)

The Center for Advanced Studies in Modern Languages (CEALM), located on the Las Lagunillas Campus at the University of Jaén (UJA), has modern and functional facilities with technologically equipped classrooms, a computer room and a study room equipped with teaching materials and resources. CEALM language courses offer personal attention and quality teaching in an intercultural and motivating learning environment. It is close to our sports facilities and university accommodations which ensure student integration and well-being.

SPANISH COURSES

CEALM offers a wide range of Spanish language and culture courses taught by professors specialised in teaching Spanish as a foreign language. The academic offering includes all levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), from level A1 (beginner) to level C2 (mastery), and is for anyone of legal age interested in learning Spanish to communicate effectively in that language.

ACADEMIC OFFERING

1. IN-PERSON COURSES

1.1. SEMESTER-LONG COURSES

The academic offering includes 29 courses: 10 general courses, covering all levels of language proficiency, and 19 topic-specific courses. The courses take place in autumn (first term) and spring (second term) over 60 hours and are worth 6 ECTS. Detailed information and course syllabuses are available at the [CEALM website](#) and in the QR.

Exchange students can include these courses in their study contract. Up to a maximum of two Spanish courses (12 ECTS per term) in the case of Erasmus+ students and up to four courses (24 ECTS per term) in the case of UJA's own exchange scheme for non-Spanish-speaking countries. Final marks will be included in their *Transcript of records*.





1.1.1. General courses

Designed to develop students' communication skills, ten courses are offered corresponding to different levels of communication skill (Table 1), developing in an integrated manner all modes of communication (expression, comprehension, interaction and mediation), paying special attention to the intercultural component and the development of plurilingual and pluricultural skills.

	Recommended Spanish level	Semester
Spanish A1.1	A1	1S and 2S
Spanish A1.2	A1	1S and 2S
Spanish A2.1	A2	1S and 2S
Spanish A2.2	A2	1S and 2S
Spanish B1.1	B1	1S and 2S
Spanish B1.2	B1	1S and 2S
Spanish B2.1	B2	1S and 2S
Spanish B2.2	B2	1S and 2S
Spanish C1	C1	1S and 2S
Spanish C2	C2	1S and 2S

Table 1. General courses offered

1.1.2. Topic-specific courses

The offering of specific courses can be divided into two categories:

Spanish language-focused courses. These courses aim to practise oral and written communication, strengthening grammar and vocabulary, and developing university and academic communication skills. Nine courses (levels A1-C2) are offered (Table 2).

	Recommended Spanish level	Semester
Spanish speaking 1	A1	1S and 2S
Spanish speaking 2	A2	1S and 2S
Spanish speaking 3	B1	1S and 2S
Writing in Spanish 1	A1	1S and 2S
Writing in Spanish 2	A2	1S and 2S
Writing in Spanish 3	B1	1S and 2S
Grammar and vocabulary 1	A1-A2	1S and 2S
Grammar and vocabulary 2	B1-B2	1S and 2S
Academic Spanish	B2-C1-C2	1S and 2S

Table 2. Topic-specific courses offered: courses focussing on Spanish

Content and language integrated learning courses. The aim of these courses is to improve students' communication skills and to broaden their knowledge of Spanish and Latin American history, culture, society, economies and literature. The academic offering is made up of 10 courses with different themes, three of which can be taken in Spanish or English (Table 3).

	Recommended Spanish level	Semester
Intercultural Communication	B1-B2-C1-C2	1S and 2S
<i>Intercultural Communication</i>	<i>Taught in English</i>	1S and 2S
Introduction to Spanish Culture	B1-B2-C1-C2	1S and 2S
<i>Introduction to Spanish Culture</i>	<i>Taught in English</i>	1S and 2S
Introduction to the Culture of Jaén and Olive Oil	B1-B2-C1-C2	1S and 2S
<i>Introduction to the Culture of Jaén and Olive Oil</i>	<i>Taught in English</i>	1S and 2S
Introduction to Contemporary Spanish and Hispanic American Literature	B1-B2-C1-C2	1S
Introduction to Spanish Society from the 20th Century to the Present Day	B1-B2-C1-C2	1S
Introduction to Spanish History through Film and Television	B1-B2-C1-C2	2S
Introduction to the Spanish economy and business in the EU framework	B1-B2-C1-C2	2S

Table 3. Topic-specific course offerings: content and language integrated learning courses

1.2. INTENSIVE COURSES

The intensive Spanish language and culture courses are 80 hours long and take place in June and July. They are aimed at anyone interested in learning Spanish or improving their communication skills quickly (over four weeks). The courses are divided into six different levels ranging from beginner (A1) to mastery (C2), (Table 4). They use an action-oriented approach focusing on the learner’s needs. Through group work and activities, in and out of the classroom, students will be able to take full advantage of the benefits of immersive learning. Detailed information and course syllabuses are available at the [CEALM website](#).



	Semester
Spanish language and culture course (A1 level)	2S
Spanish language and culture course (A2 level)	2S
Spanish language and culture course (B1 level)	2S
Spanish language and culture course (B2 level)	2S
Spanish language and culture course (C1 level)	2S
Spanish language and culture course (C2 level)	2S

Table 4. Intensive courses offered

At the end of the course, students receive a certificate of achievement, indicating the course completed, total hours and final grade.

2. ONLINE COURSES

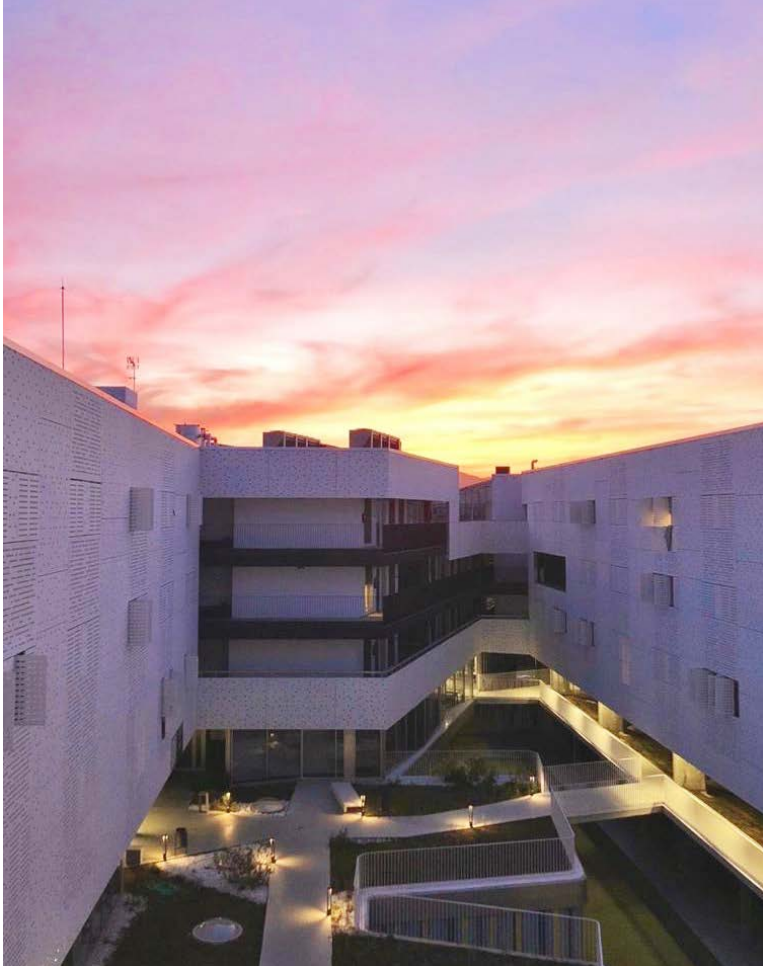
The online Spanish courses are managed over the University of Jaén’s virtual teaching platform and are taught in synchronous format with videoconferences. Due to their online nature, these courses apply a methodology appropriate for e- learning using teaching resources, tasks and strategies adapted to this learning context. Detailed information and course syllabuses are available at the [CEALM website](#).

2.1. SEMESTER-LONG COURSES

2.1.1. General courses

Designed to develop students’ communication skills, they combine oral and written practice activities and work on all modes of communication (expression, comprehension, interaction and mediation). Special attention is paid to the cultural component and to developing learners’ intercultural skills.

The academic offering includes eight levels, taught in autumn (first term) or spring (second term). All courses last 60 hours (Table 5).



	Recommended Spanish level	Semester
Spanish A1.1	A1	1S
Spanish A1.2	A1	2S
Spanish A2.1	A2	1S
Spanish A2.2	A2	2S
Spanish B1.1	B1	1S
Spanish B1.2	B1	2S
Spanish B2.1	B2	1S
Spanish B2.2	B2	2S

Table 5. Online course offerings: general courses

2.1.2. Courses to prepare for official Spanish exams

The courses to prepare for the official Spanish exams are mainly practical in nature. The aim of these courses is to give students the knowledge and strategies necessary to successfully take the official Spanish language accreditation exams: DELE AND SIELE Global.

The academic offering includes five courses, taught in spring (second term). All courses last 30 hours (Table 6).

	Semester
Preparation for DELE and SIELE Global exams (level A2)	2S
Preparation for DELE and SIELE Global exams (level B1)	2S
Preparation for DELE and SIELE Global exams (level B2)	2S
Preparation for DELE and SIELE Global exams (level C1)	2S
Preparation for DELE and SIELE Global exams (level C2)	2S

Table 6. Online course offerings: courses to prepare for official Spanish exams

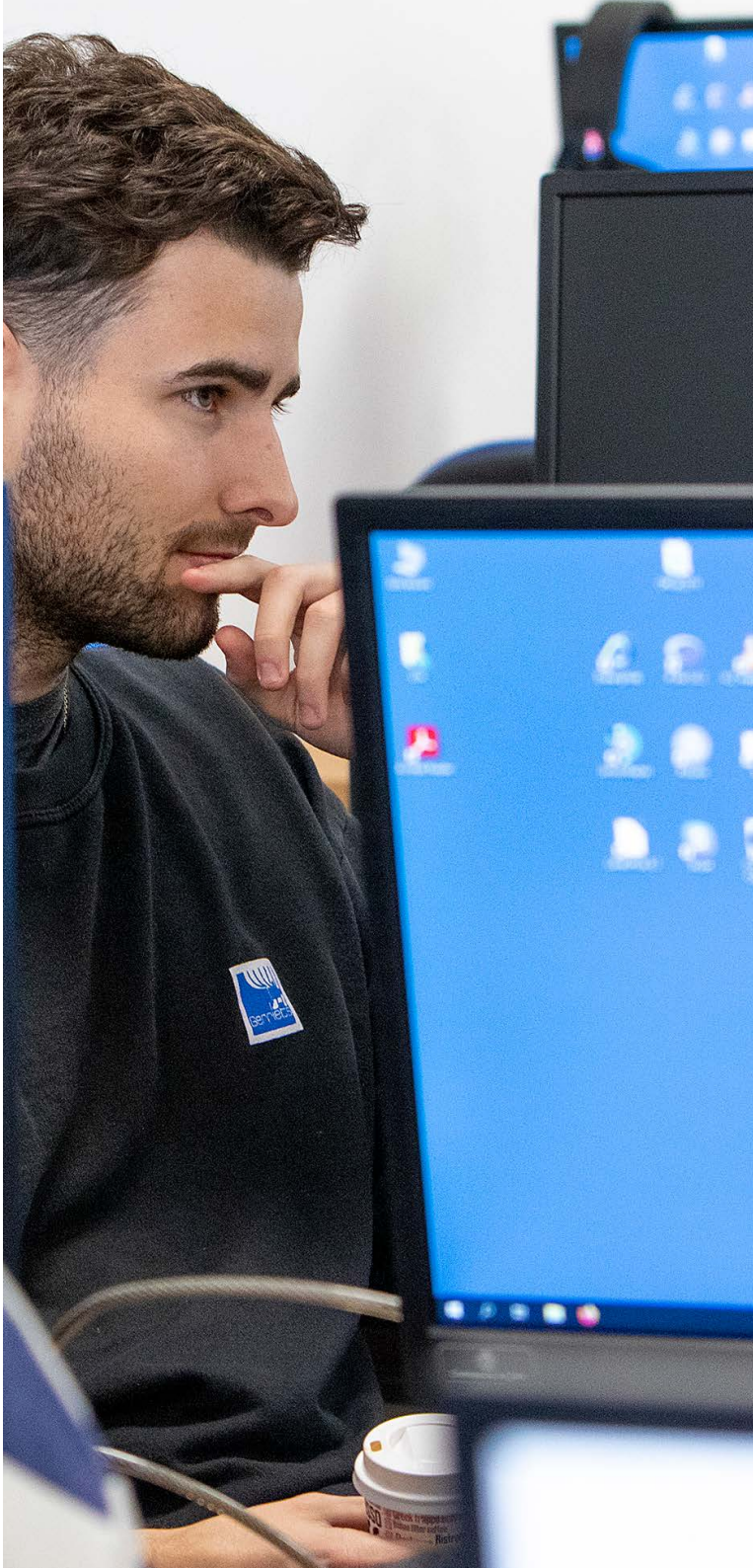
2.2. PRE-UNIVERSITY INTENSIVE COURSES: PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN SPANISH

These intensive courses are held before the start of each academic term. They are mainly for students who plan to take their bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree at the UJA or at any other institution. These courses are designed with a dual objective in mind: to help students to start learning the language or to refresh their communication skills and to help the students integrate into the society of Jaén and into the university community.

There are three different levels offered, and they last 25 hours.

	Semester
Intensive pre-academic course at A1 level	1S and 2S
Intensive pre-academic course at A2 level	1S and 2S
Intensive pre-academic course at B1 level	1S and 2S

Table 7. Online course offerings: intensive pre-academic courses



3. STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME: HISPANIC STUDIES PROGRAMME (HSP)

Higher education institutions that would like to offer their students a language and cultural immersion programme will find in the Hispanic Studies Programme (HSP) the most complete educational offering. The HSP can be taken in semester (300 hours) or year (600 hours) format. There needs to be a minimum number of participants, and a specific agreement signed with the University of Jaén for this programme to be run.

The academic offering is composed of general and specific courses. Students will take five classes (30 ECTS) a term: one general (mandatory) and four topic-specific (chosen from those offered for each level) (Table 8). Courses syllabuses are available at the [CEALM website](#).

The University of Jaén will issue an official Transcript of records with grades and credits for the courses taken.

Level	Type	Class	Semester	Language
A1	General courses	Spanish A1.1	1 and 2	Spanish
		Spanish A1.2	1 and 2	Spanish
	Topic-specific courses	Spanish speaking 1	1 and 2	Spanish
		Writing in Spanish 1	1 and 2	Spanish
		Grammar and vocabulary 1	1 and 2	Spanish
		Intercultural Communication	1 and 2	English
		Introduction to the Culture of Jaén and Olive Oil	1 and 2	English
		Introduction to Spanish Culture	1 and 2	English
A2	General courses	Spanish A2.1	1 and 2	Spanish
		Spanish A2.2	1 and 2	Spanish
	Topic-specific courses	Spanish speaking 2	1 and 2	Spanish
		Writing in Spanish 2	1 and 2	Spanish
		Grammar and vocabulary 1	1 and 2	Spanish
		Intercultural Communication	1 and 2	English
		Introduction to the Culture of Jaén and Olive Oil	1 and 2	English
		Introduction to Spanish Culture	1 and 2	English
B1	General courses	Spanish B1.1	1 and 2	Spanish
		Spanish B1.2	1 and 2	Spanish
	Topic-specific courses	Spanish speaking 3	1 and 2	Spanish
		Writing in Spanish 3	1 and 2	Spanish
		Grammar and vocabulary 2	1 and 2	Spanish
		Intercultural Communication	1 and 2	Spanish
		Intercultural Communication	1 and 2	English
		Introduction to Spanish Culture	1 and 2	Spanish
		Introduction to Spanish Culture	1 and 2	English
		Introduction to the Culture of Jaén and Olive Oil	1 and 2	Spanish
		Introduction to the Culture of Jaén and Olive Oil	1 and 2	English
		Introduction to Contemporary Spanish and Hispanic American Literature	1	Spanish
		Introduction to Spanish Society from the 20th Century to the Present Day	1	Spanish
		Introduction to Spanish History through Film and Television	2	Spanish
		Introduction to the Spanish economy and business in the EU framework	2	Spanish

B2	General courses	Spanish B2.1	1 and 2	Spanish
		Spanish B2.2	1 and 2	Spanish
	Topic-specific courses	Grammar and vocabulary 2	1 and 2	Spanish
		Academic Spanish	1 and 2	Spanish
		Intercultural Communication	1 and 2	Spanish
		Introduction to Spanish Culture	1 and 2	Spanish
		Introduction to the Culture of Jaén and Olive Oil	1 and 2	Spanish
		Introduction to Contemporary Spanish and Hispanic American Literature	1	Spanish
		Introduction to Spanish Society from the 20th Century to the Present Day	1	Spanish
		Introduction to Spanish History through Film and Television	2	Spanish
		Introduction to the Spanish economy and business in the EU framework	2	Spanish
C1 C2	General courses	Spanish C1	1 and 2	Spanish
		Spanish C2	1 and 2	Spanish
	Topic-specific courses	Academic Spanish	1 and 2	Spanish
		Intercultural Communication	1 and 2	Spanish
		Introduction to Spanish Culture	1 and 2	Spanish
		Introduction to the Culture of Jaén and Olive Oil	1 and 2	Spanish
		Introduction to Contemporary Spanish and Hispanic American Literature	1	Spanish
		Introduction to Spanish Society from the 20th Century to the Present Day	1	Spanish
		Introduction to Spanish History through Film and Television	2	Spanish
		Introduction to the Spanish economy and business in the EU framework	2	Spanish

Table 8. Academic offering of the Study Abroad Programme: Hispanic Studies Programme



Institutions that would like to enrich their students' academic training may do so in two ways. They can complement the HSP with a [cultural programme](#). This programme comprises one or more packages of complementary activities. The different options include socio-cultural activities, guided visits and outings, in the province of Jaén and beyond it, which will enrich the immersive learning experience of the participating students. At the end of the HSP, students will have the opportunity to register for the [official SIELE Global exam](#) to accredit their language proficiency.

The cost of the cultural programme and the accreditation exam is not included in the registration fee.





4. SUMMER PROGRAMME

The summer programme is especially designed for those academic institutions that want their students to experience an in-person and immersive training in Jaén for 4 weeks (June and July). There needs to be a minimum number of participants, and a specific agreement signed with the University of Jaén for this programme to be run.

This programme combines an academic offering with a rich cultural experience. The academic programme, consisting of an intensive course in Spanish language and culture, lasts 80 hours. Six different levels are offered, ranging from A1

(beginner) to C2 (mastery) (Table 9). At the end of the course, students receive a certificate of achievement, indicating the course completed, total hours and final grade.

Intensive Spanish language and culture course	A1 level
Intensive Spanish language and culture course	A2 level
Intensive Spanish language and culture course	B1 level
Intensive Spanish language and culture course	B2 level
Intensive Spanish language and culture course	C1 level
Intensive Spanish language and culture course	C2 level

Table 9. Intensive courses offered in the summer programme

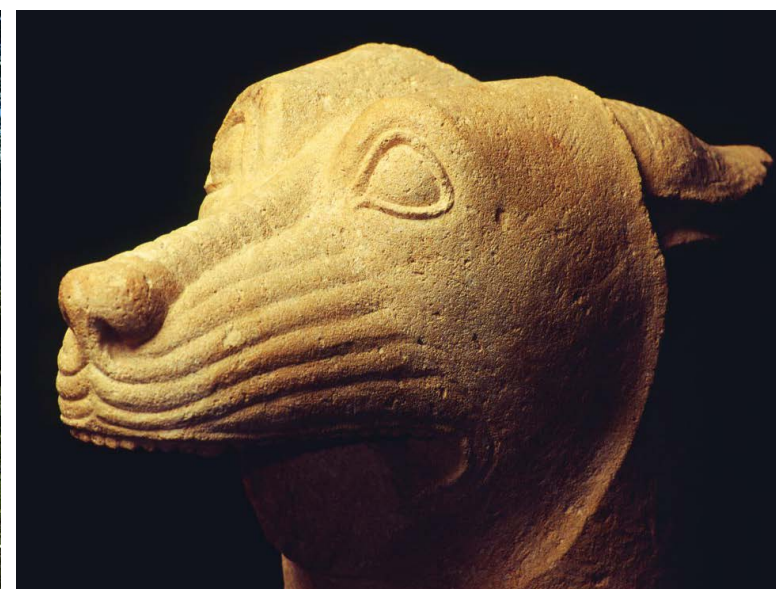
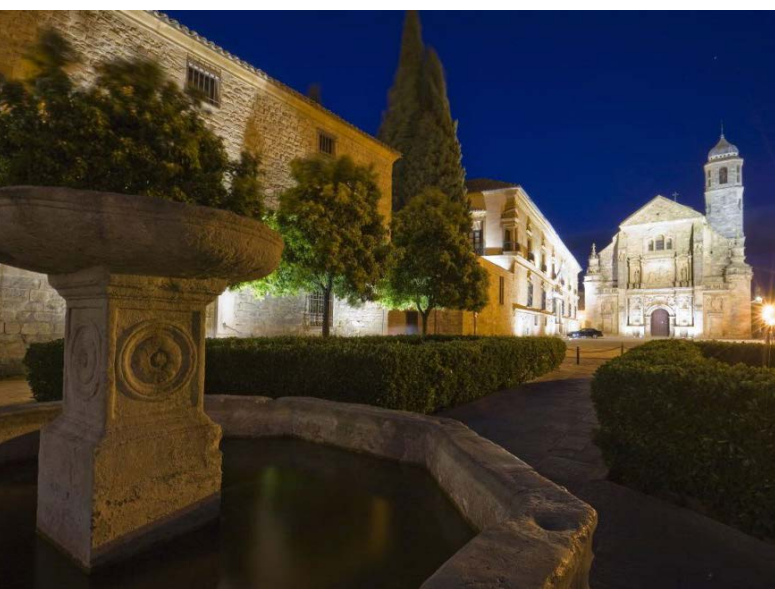
The [cultural programme](#), specified in the section

below, comprises one or more packages of complementary activities. The different options include socio-cultural activities, guided visits and outings (package 1), in the province of Jaén and beyond it (packages 2 and 3, respectively), which will enrich the immersive learning experience of the participating students.

In addition to the cultural programme, CEALM offers students the possibility of officially accrediting their mastery of Spanish by taking the [official SIELE Global Spanish exam](#) as part of their summer programme.

The registration fee includes the tuition costs and the activities in the cultural programme Discover Jaén (package 1). The cost of the other cultural programmes (packages 2 and/or 3) and the accreditation exam SIELE Global is not included in the registration fee. Each institution may tailor its summer programme design to the needs of its students.





CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The University of Jaén organises a varied programme of extra activities to enrich the language and cultural immersion experience. The packages include socio-cultural activities, outings and guided visits to historical and cultural sites in Jaén and Andalusia. The activities incur an additional fee and require a minimum number of participants. Detailed information on the cultural programme for each academic year can be found at the [CEALM website](#).

Three examples of packages are detailed below:

PACKAGE 1

DISCOVER JAÉN

The University of Jaén offers participating students a variety of socio-cultural activities that will help them to integrate into the university community and enjoy the enriching university atmosphere. Students who would like to participate in these activities will have the opportunity to discover the city's artistic and cultural heritage as well as visit local institutions and companies so they can get to know the city of Jaén and its impact on the surrounding area.

PACKAGE 2

DISCOVER THE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF THE PROVINCE OF JAÉN

Students booking this package will visit Úbeda and Baeza, World Heritage Cities, which represent the greatest expression of the Spanish Renaissance. They will also visit the Sierras de Cazorla, Segura and Las Villas Natural Park, the largest protected area in Spain and the second largest in Europe, where they can breathe in the tranquillity and beauty of the natural landscape or visit one of our imposing castles, which make Jaén, a historic frontier land, the region with the most fortresses in Europe.

PACKAGE 3

EXPLORA ANDALUCÍA

This option includes visits to the cities of Granada and Cordoba, Andalusian cities of great historical and cultural interest that are home to two of the most popular tourist attractions in Spain: the Alhambra and the Mosque-Cathedral.





OFFICIAL EXAMS AND CERTIFICATES

CEALM is an authorised examination center for the official DELE and SIELE Global Spanish exams, whose certificates are internationally recognised.



DELE Spanish diplomas (levels A2-C2) awarded by the Instituto Cervantes on behalf of the Spanish Ministry of Education and Vocational Training.



The digital and multilevel SIELE Global exam (levels A1-C1) promoted by the Instituto Cervantes, the National Autonomous University of Mexico, the University of Salamanca and the University of Buenos Aires.

The dates and prices of the exams can be found at the [CEALM website](https://cealm.es/).



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