

UAB

Idiomes

Spanish courses. Language and culture

Barcelona

SPANISH COURSES



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Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

| Intensive Spanish Group Courses

These courses have been created for those students who wish to learn Spanish to access courses at the university or just for fun. Our courses are designed by experts to ensure maximum exposure and rapid results.

4 hours a day - 20 hours per week

9:30 am - 14:00 pm - 4 to 42 weeks

class sizes: 6-15 students

- A placement test, continuous assessment and individual tutorials are included in all UAB Idiomes Barcelona language courses
- On completing a course students have the option of obtaining a certificate for their proficiency level by taking the UAB exam

▪ Our levels:

Levels are based on the European Council's *Common European Reference Framework for Language Learning and Teaching*.

Level F	<p>Proficiency (<i>Effective Operational Proficiency</i>)</p> <p>Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed texts on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.</p>
Level E	<p>Advanced (<i>Vantage</i>)</p> <p>Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.</p>
Level D	<p>Upper Intermediate (<i>Vantage</i>)</p> <p>Can understand the main ideas of complex texts on both specific and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed texts on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.</p>
Level C1	<p>Intermediate (<i>Threshold</i>)</p> <p>Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected texts on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.</p>
Level C2	
Level B	<p>Lower Intermediate (<i>Waystage</i>)</p> <p>Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to more immediately relevant topics (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects about his/her background, his/her immediate environment and matters of immediate need.</p>
Level A	<p>Elementary (<i>Breakthrough</i>)</p> <p>Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at satisfying particular needs. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.</p>



| Our teachers, our students and our methods

All UAB teachers and professors are professionals with university qualifications and specific training in the subject they teach. They have all been chosen for their academic and social skills from among the best teachers in Europe.

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona combines its commitment to society with a firm policy of openness to the outside world. Therefore, UAB has many exchange programs and connections with universities and other educational centres around the world. Every year we welcome students of all ages from Europe, the United States and Asia. Nonetheless, UAB in Barcelona has many local students from Barcelona studying languages or continuing education programs throughout the year.

▪ Language Methods

Our language teaching method is based on:

- A communicative approach, with a special focus on practising oral expression.
- Communication and interactive activities designed to develop all four main skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- Conversation lessons.
- Class work and homework.
- A course book provided by each teacher.
- Additional outside class materials and multimedia resources.
- Tutorial time so students can have individual feedback and discuss specific issues with their teacher each week.
- Encouraging students to develop learning strategies that will help them continue studying the language on their own.
- Social events, as we believe that seeing Barcelona from a residents perspective enhances any visitor's stay.

The course program for each level and each language is available on request.