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**SUMMER COURSES FOR EDUCATORS AND
OTHER EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS**



Masters for the upgrading of teachers in teaching and learning Spanish Language and Culture

First course: 26th June 2017 to 28th July 2017
Second course: 25th June 2018 to 27th July 2018

Introduction

The Universidad Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona is a Spanish public university located on the mediterranean coast in Catalonia. It has about 14.000 students and provides a global offer of more than fifty official degrees (http://www.urv.cat/universitat/organs_govern/gabinet_tecnic/en_xifres.html) in all fields of study, both at graduate and post-graduate levels. Despite its medium size, it is the first amongst the catalan peripheral universities and the third of Spain in teaching and research (“La calidad de las universidades en España”, informe de *El País*, 25-05-2009), the 21st of 76 Spanish universities in scientific publications (Science Citation Index, 2011) and the 24th in the field of humanities (*Arts and Humanities Citation Index*, 2010), being the 4th in Spain in number of publications per teaching staff member (*ISI Web of Knowledge*, 2011) http://www.urv.cat/es_noticies/338/la-urv-la-mas-destacada-del-estado-en-excelencia-con-liderazgo-cientifico.

The Universidad Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona has long experience in teaching of Spanish as a foreign language, starting in 1992, which comprises basic courses, tailor-made monographic courses, intensive summer or winter courses or teaching of the six levels of Spanish language study. Besides, we offer teaching at the highest level of education, through the *Master's degree in Teaching languages: Spanish as a foreign language*, both in its [face-to-face](#) and [online](#) version.

It holds the [Center for Hispanic Studies \(CEH\)](#), which brings together everything related to the teaching of the Spanish language. Its activities in the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language are conducted in accordance with the guidelines of the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages \(CEFR\) of the European Commission](#), accepted by all the European and global bodies in the teaching of foreign languages.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. LOCATION

The city of Tarragona (<http://www.tarragonaturisme.cat/es/>) is located within the Barcelona area, one of the best geographical zones worldwide, on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. It has mild weather in winter time (around 10° positive) and it is pleasant in summer time. It is a bimillenarian city, welcoming and of human-like proportions having the kindness and the joyful spirit of its citizens.



2. TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS

Tarragona is very well-connected with the principal Spanish and European cities. It is one hour away from Barcelona by train or on the highway and two hours and a half away from Madrid in the high-speed train. Besides, it is connected with the main European city-capitals by plane as there is a low-cost air company which operates in the city's airport.



3. ACCOMMODATION

Tarragona is a quiet and pretty safe city, where no means of transport are required to get around since all places are within walking distance inside the city. In particular, the CEH is located in the Faculty of Arts in the Campus Catalunya, right in the city's center. The Halls of Residence *Sant Jordi*

(<http://www.resa.es/Residencias/Sant-Jordi>) are only a five-minute walk away from the Arts faculty.



4. ADDITIONAL OFFER

The URV is a collaborating university of the Instituto Cervantes. It is also one of the five Spanish universities appointed Entidad Evaluadora del Instituto Cervantes (Evaluating Agency of the Instituto Cervantes). Therefore, the URV is responsible for drafting quality opinions so that a Spanish center is recognized as a collaborating or partner institution of the Instituto Cervantes.

During their stay at our university, the overseas students can sit for the DELE (Diploma de Español como lengua extranjera) examinations, which are held in our site, in their July call and at each of the CEFR levels. The CEH provides specific courses in order to prepare students to each of the levels of the DELE examination.

The URV has a wide range of services: sports, library, and activities aimed at students.

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Course description

Postgraduate program to obtain the *Masters for the upgrading of teachers in teaching and learning Spanish Language and Culture*, of 400 hours (40 ECTS), and two years of duration.

FIRST YEAR:

200 LECTURE HOURS + 20 CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HOURS

5 subjects of 4 ECTS (European Credit Transfer) each with 20 face-to-face hours and 20 on-line hours for the activities

- Relevant questions of Spanish grammar for English-speaking students
- Culture (Literature, History and Art in Spain and Latin America) in the Spanish Language classroom
- Use of the dictionary in the ELE classroom
- Classroom management and activity design in ELE
- Variations of Spanish in America

SECOND YEAR

160 LECTURE HOURS + 20 CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HOURS

4 subjects of 4 ECTS (European Credit Transfer) each with 20 face-to-face hours and 20 on-line hours for the activities

- The role of cinema in teaching of ELE
- Intercultural pragmatics in teaching of ELE
- Customs and traditions of Spain and Latin America and their reflection in classroom
- The role of Spain in the current world (history and society)

SUMMARY

FIRST YEAR: **220 HOURS**

SECOND YEAR: **180 HOURS**

MASTER'S FINAL PROJECT: **60 HOURS**

INTERNSHIP: **40 HOURS** to be done the first or second year. Teaching activity at the USA or Canada can be recognized

MASTER'S TOTAL: **500 HOURS**

(*) The Master's final project consists of a theoretical introduction plus the programming of a Didactic Unit of a chosen subject on Spanish. It has to be agreed with a tutor of the program and done and submitted online through online tutoring with the chosen teacher during the trimester after the face-to-face session of the master's.

SCHEDULE:

Lessons will be held from Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 13:30. In the afternoons students can solve the exercises proposed in classrooms and upload their tasks to the Moodle platform (this will correspond to the 20 online hours of work of every subject) and follow the 20 hours of cultural activities programmed.

Weekends will be devoted to excursions in the region and programmed visits, both the ones included in the program price as well as the optional ones.