

The following information will be published on the Courses page of the <a href="#">Summer Sessions Website</a> :			
Course Title:	Spanish for Oral Communication through Cultural Topics.		
Course Number:	Span 3302	Credit Hours:	3
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Program start date:	May 3, 2026	Program end date:	May 29, 2026
Program destination(s): (Each city, country - start/end date)	Alicante, Spain		
Does this course fulfill any AXLE credit? If so, what?	Yes		
What are the academic pre-requisites (if any) for enrolling in this course?	Span 2202		
What are some are some conditions or challenges that students will face? (Ex. Hiking long distances, extreme temperatures, rocky terrain, etc.)	This course will require the students to speak Spanish during the duration of the program.		
What is covered in the student budget:	Detailed answers below.		
Lodging (Total nights + included amenities):	25 hotel nights		
Meals:	Total breakfasts: 20 Total lunches: 19 (during weekdays) Total dinners: 0		
Transportation (Airfare, public transit, etc.):	Transportation Barcelona to Alicante and to Madrid		
Supplies (Textbooks, gear, etc.):	Included		
Excursions (Tour fees, admission fees, etc.):	Trips to Barcelona, Toledo and Madrid		
What is <u>not</u> covered in the student budget:	Detailed answers below.		
Lodging (Total nights):	Lodging outside of the program dates.		
Meals:	Total breakfasts: 6 (On the weekends) Total lunches: 6 (On the weekends) Total dinners: 25		
Transportation (international airfare, public transit, etc.):	Airfare		
Supplies (Textbooks, gear, personal items, etc.):	N/A		
Excursions (Optional activities, tour fees, admission fees, etc.):	Side trips on the weekends or any of the possible activities (Dance, sailing or cooking classes)		
Visa needed for US passport holders?	No		
Is the cost of the visa included in the student fee?	N/A		
Does the course have a service-learning component:	Not at this time		
Please provide the course description below:			

This Maymester course is taught in Alicante, Spain. This coastal city is the capital of the beautiful Costa Blanca, located on the eastern coast of Spain. Alicante offers exciting and famous festivals, beautiful miles of sunny beaches, quaint old-world Spanish boroughs, and a richness of early architecture. Alicante is an accessible, mid-sized city making safety and walkability a key part of the immersive experience. This city also provides a unique experience in not being overly touristy, still offering an authentic Spanish experience.

The objective of this course is to increase your level of oral proficiency in Spanish through the study of cultural, contemporary social topics, and historical events in an immersion environment, through living, speaking and studying solely in Spanish for the duration of the Maymester. The teaching style of the course is based in the concepts of Intercultural Experience, Immersive Language Environment, Cultural Context, and Authentic Learning Materials. Students will be actively engaged in communicative activities designed and structured to maximize their use of the target language. These hands-on projects include research, analysis, discussion, argumentation, and presentation of current social and cultural events that impact Spain. Through interviews of residents of Alicante, in addition to assessing journalistic sources, documentaries, and films, students will prepare weekly presentations.

By the end of this course, students will improve their oral proficiency, gain strategies for effective conversational Spanish and have a deeper knowledge and understanding of Spanish culture and current events.