

kingsbrook





OUR PHILOSOPHY

#### learn Spanish, meet people and enjoy the city!

As a Spanish school for foreigners, our goal is for you to learn in a pleasant, fun and efficient way; in an ideal environment such as Barcelona.

We also want you to have a really great and **positive persona experience** while living in Barcelona.

The size of the school allows us to **attend to you in a very personal way** and help with all your needs. You will always be in touch with our Studies Director, who will help you with queries about your progression with the language or the DELE examinations.

Any question you may need about Barcelona tourist information, Visas, Jobs or anything more **our staff team will be pleased to help you** and inform you.



GENERAL INFORMATION

#### methodology communicative, dynamic and participative!

**Teachers are native and highly qualified**. All they have University degree and have made courses and seminars on Spanish as a foreign language.

Classes are focused on conversation, grammar and vocabulary but **we take special care on conversation** as we want you to use quickly the speaking Spanish in your daily life.

We have **our own dossiers** which are compiled from the best of the most well known **Spanish Books**.

We work with **small classes** (av. 8 / max. 10.) In this way, the teacher can dedicate more time to students and thereby help their learning.

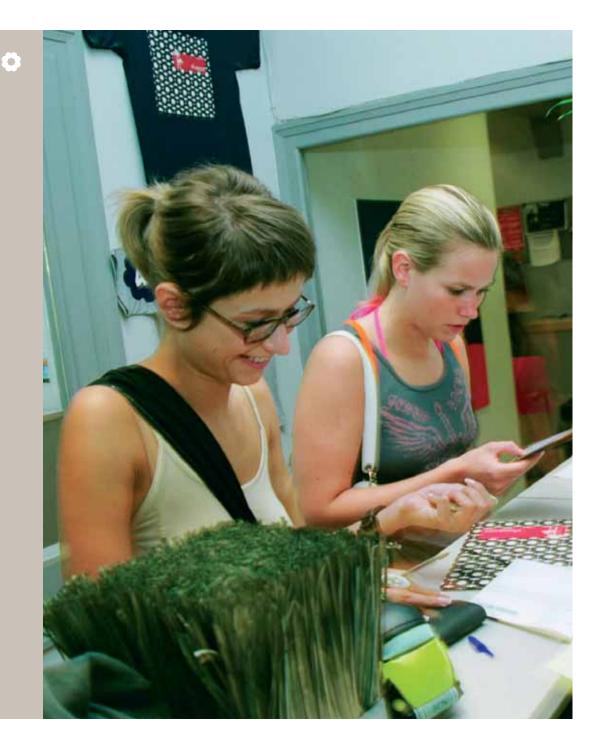
We receive **students from 45 nationalities** so that mixture of cultures guarantee an **international atmosphere**, making cultural exchange easy between our students.

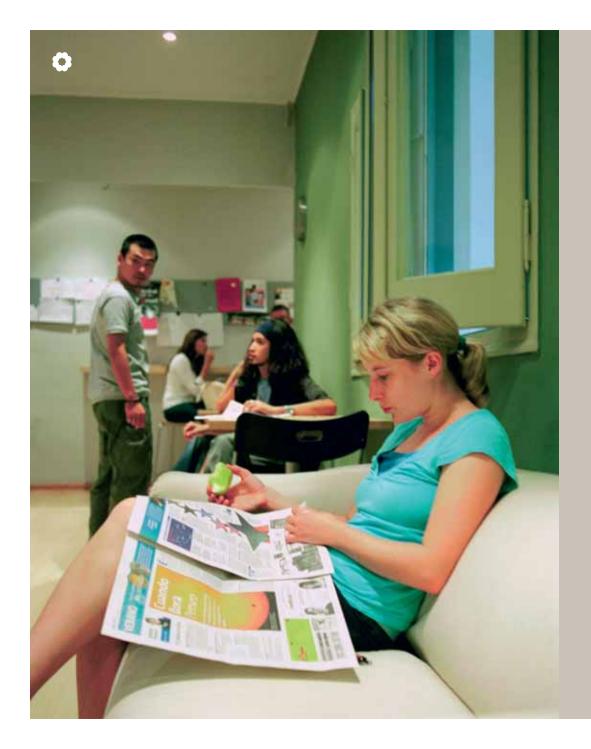
We work with **six levels according to the EU directrive** for second languages learning. Before beginning the course, each student takes a grammar and a speaking level test in order to asses your Spanish and place you at the correct level.

You will receive a Language Certificate at the end of the course

On your first day you will recive a **Kingsbrook student card** which gives you discounts not only on public transport, theater, cinema and museum tickets but also at some gyms, libraries, restaurants, hairdresser's and music and fashion stores.

At Kingsbrook you will enjoy **Free Internet acces** as well as **free WI-Fi Connection** in all areas of the school.





THE SCHOOL

### renewed to a modern and attractive design!

Totally **renewed in January 2003** to a modern and attractive design makes Kingsbrook a perfect place to study Spanish. **In January 2005 we opened a new area** with 5 additional classrooms, a Library, larger Lounge area, bigger eRoom and are extra terrace.

**Study Room** where you can work comfortably and in which twice a week our teachers will give you **free review lessons** and help you with your learning questions.

**eRoom** with **free Internet acces and DVD-Rom** of grammar exercises, vocabulary, listening or DELE preparation if you want to continue studying after your classes.

**Lounge Area** where you can talk with the other students, listen to music or pick up a magazine. Here you will also find guides to the best restaurants, clubs, bars or shops and flyers for events organised in Barcelona.

**Snack Area** with sandwiches, drinks, coffees, biscuits, salads sweets...

**Library** with books, dvd's and cd's to borrow for free. It holds Spanish and International Novels and movies, essays, dictionarys sports and adventure, grammar, guide books, atlases, documentaries, music dvd's and music cd's.

Language Exchange Board to meet Spanish people interested in exchange languages with you.

**COURSES** 

## covering all your needs!

**Get your choice from Semi-intensives** courses for those who have limited time to study **to really Intensive Spanish courses** for those who want to advance very quickly in a short period of time.

We run classes in the morning, afternoon or evening

You can **combine group courses with one-to-one tuition** where you can work areas like Business, Literature, History, Art Gastronomy, Flamenco, Writing, Specific Vocabulary, DELE Preparation...

**One-to-ones** are also possible if group hours don't fit into your schedule.

You will learn Spanish using the **communicative method**. Therefore in our classes you will learn grammar in a practical and dynamic way. We follow a constructive line in teaching, in other words, **learning the language in real situations and using one concept for each task**.



DELE EXAMINATIONS

## only certificate officially recognized worlwide!

**D.E.L.E.** (Diploma de Español de Lengua Extranjera / Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language) is the only certificate in **Spanish** as a foreign language which is officially recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

This diploma is **gaining more and more relevance internationally**, especially for those who wish to study in a Spanish speaking university, or anyone who wants to work in or with the Spanish speaking countries market.





There are two sittings of the exam throughout the world in May and November of each year, as well as a special sitting in Augustin Spain.

D.E.L.E. is structured in **three levels: Initial**, **Intermediate and Superior**. The latest date in which to register for the exam is usually approximately a month before it takes place.

**Initial Level:** Credits a level of Spanish sufficient to contro situations that require a basic level of communication.

**Intermediate Level:** Credits a level of Spanish sufficient of autonomous communication in day to day situations where specialised language is not required.

**Superior Level:** Credits an advanced level of communication competency in any given situation, in addition to cultural knowledge.





ACCOMMODATION

### find your place in Barcelona!

If you are going to be in Barcelona for a while, we can offer you different kinds of accommodation close to the school, either within walking distance or nearby on public transport.

We regularly review the accommodation to remain assured that you are well placed.

Our Accommodation Service includes Homestay, Shared Apartment, Student Residence, Private Studio or Hotels.

Single room, double room, self catering, bed and breakfast, half board, full board... find the option that best suits your needs.



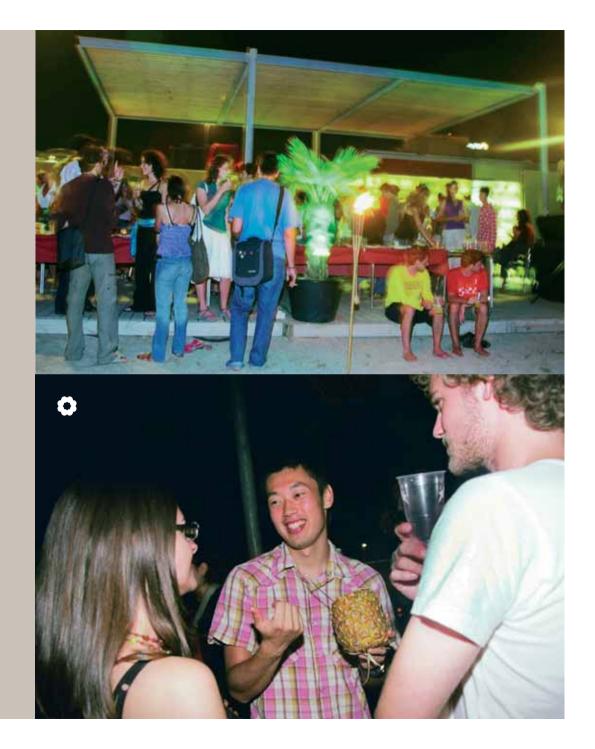
SOCIAL LIFE

#### get fun and meet the exciting city of Barcelona!

All year round we organize a **cultural and leisure activities program** with all the Spanish students and teachers.

Museums, art galleries, Barcelona tours, meals in parks, evening cocktails, International dinners on the beach, Theater and Flamenco shows, music concerts, parties, football matches, skiing, ice-skating or trips out of the city are some examples of the great activities in our program.

You can **practice your Spanish** in all this activities as you are always with our teachers and at the same time you can **learn our culture**, **gastronomy and history**... and of course the exciting city of Barcelona and its surroundings.





INTERNSHIPS

## combining a course with work experience!

This option will enable you to improve your Spanish by combining a course in our school in Barcelona with work experience in a company located in Barcelona, Valencia or Madrid.

This work experience is **usually unpaid** (depending on the company) and in the area you will have been studying.

You will **work part time (4h/day)** so you will have the time to take more Spanish courses, take part in the activities the school organizes or arrange more hours at the company.

Depending on your level of Spanish before arriving in Spain you will have a choice of Spanish Courses ranging from 16 weeks on the Intensive Course if you are Beginner till 1 week if you are Advanced level.

**Different Areas** in which we could find placements are Business, Administration, Psychology, Language Teaching, Marketing, Hospitality Industry, Sports and many more.

After the Spanish Course, Internship can take place from 4 to 24 weeks throughout the year.

AU PAIR PROGRAMME

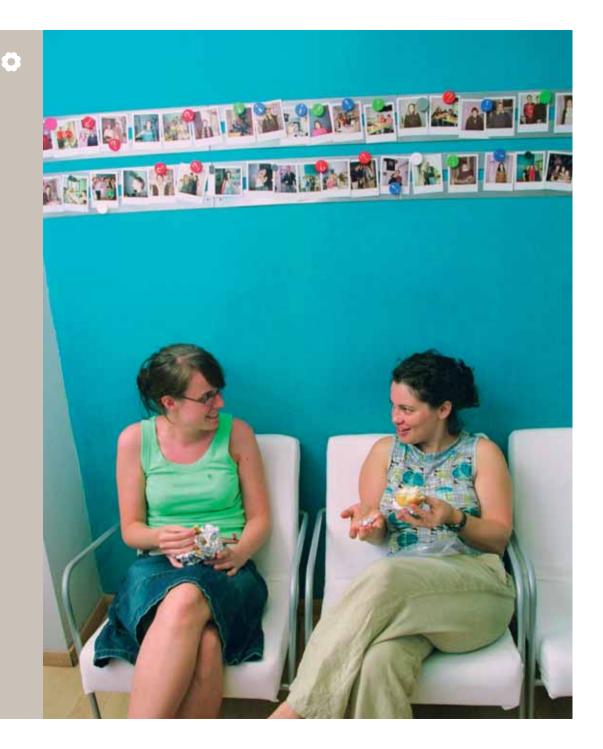
#### learn another language, about a new culture and make friends by taking care of the children!

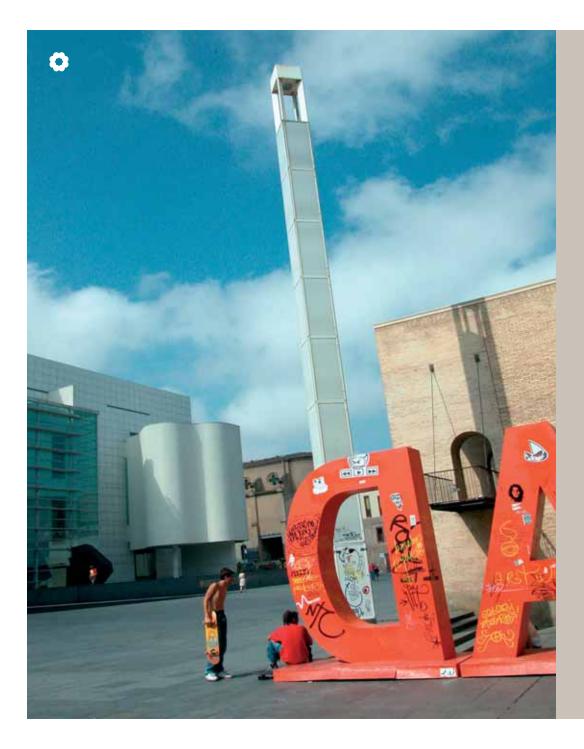
If you like children, this option may suit you. It comes with **free Accommodation**, **Full Board and some extra pocket money**for your personal expenses.

There are thousands of girls all over the world learning another language, about a new culture and making friends with people from all over the world.

So if you are over eighteen years old, have a basic knowledge of Spanish, are adaptable, motivated and happy to share accommodation then we would be pleased to look for a family for you.

In return, you would care for the children and help in the home.





LIVING IN BARCELONA

# one of the most amazing cities in Europe with sunny weather all year round!

Our city is one of the most **beautiful and fashionable cities in Europe**.

Located in the Mediterranean Sea, it is the **cultural and economic centre** of Catalonia in Northern Spain.

Gothic and medieval architecture in the Old town, Gaudí's modernist buildings such as La Pedrera, Las Ramblas with its human statues, the Sagrada Familia, the Olympic village by the sea and the beaches, Barceloneta area with its sunny terraces, Born and Gracia bohemian areas...

You will enjoy **sunny and mild weather all year** which makes Barcelona a perfect place to study Spanish anytime.

It doesn't matter day or night, there is an **exciting atmosphere**. Life in Barcelona is great, you will see!

RECOGNITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

## making sure the quality of our Spanish courses!

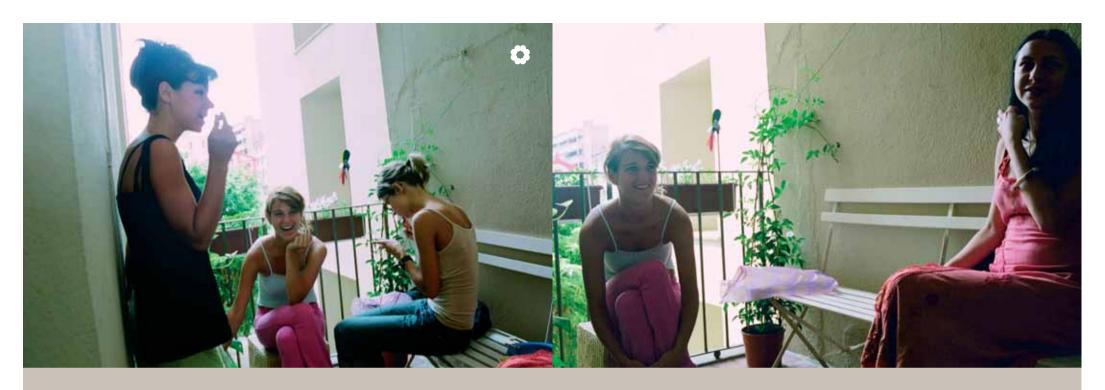
Listed by **Instituto Cervantes** and recognized by **Spanish Ministry of Education**.

Recognized by Swedish CSN and German Bildungsurlaub

**FIYTO** (Federation International Youth Travel Organisations), **ALTO** (Association Language Travel Organisations), **GWEA** (Global Work Experience Association) and **IAPA** (International Au Pair Association) members.

Official Collaborator Centre for DIEN / DSEN (Diploma Intermedio / Superior Español de Negocios) organised by the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce.





STUDENT'S COMMENTS

#### the school is great and the people there, too!

The school is great and the people there, too! Our teachers were one of the best I've ever had! Keep up the good work and thank you very much for everything – Julia Thieme & Julian Gropp / Germany.

I loved classes because they were dynamic and the teacher was also great. I met a lot of people as the atmosphere at the schoo was so cool. – **Erin Hendrix / USA**.

I never had teachers that were so patient, helpful and motivated.. big plus for the Staff! – **Stephan Grimm / Austria**.

I would like to comeback as everything here was nice: the methodology, teachers, the activities program, the people... – Yuko Miyamoto / Japan.

I really loved the way you teach so I will recommend the school to my friends – **Eleonora Errico / Italy**.

The classes were very interactive so the experience was enjoyable with excellent learning – **Kathy Morrissey / England**.

The activities program was the best as well as the methodology - **lpek Sanal / Turkey**.

The atmosphere, the people, the Spanish classes... wait for me for next summer as my time in Barcelona was fantastic - **Pieter Van Dyke / Holland**.

I was really surprised with everything (classes, teachers, classmates, the city) so I'm really happy about and will fee "saudade" – Elisa Domingues / Brazil.



WHY SPANISH

## official language of 22 countries around the world!

Spanish is **spoken by 500 million people**, 266 million of them as a native language. That makes Spanish the second most spoken language in the world.

Spanish is the **official language in 22 countries** around the world as well as in the EU, UNESCO, UNO, GATT, ONUDI & UIT.

Spanish is the **second language** in international communication and the third as an international language of politics, economics and culture

The number of students studying Spanish has doubled over the last decade

In the USA the Hispanic population has grown by 60% in just 10 years so within 50 years **Spanish is expected to be the first language of 50% of the population of the USA**.

Latin America countries are growing in economic strength, potentially making them major commercial partners. The recently created MERCOSUR aims to improve the economy of these countries by making them more efficient and competitive.

Every year more than **85 million tourists visit Spanish speaking countries** and speaking the language enriches the experience and gives you the chance to enjoy everything these countries have to offer.





**GROUPS** 

## special educational trips combining tourism with Spanish learning!

We organise **special educational tourism** for high school / university students as well as for private groups of minimum of 10 people.

Classes, accommodation, airport transfers, activities, tours, excursions, meals. **Everything** in the trip can com as **one package** combining tourism in Spain with Spanish learning.

**Customise the trip** to your needs with all the options on offer. Get **discount prices** on our fees.





#### in the city centre!

We are **located in the Eixample quarter**, "the spiritual heart of Barcelona" (Time Out), close to Diagonal and Paseo de Gracia streets.

On the doorstep of the school you can find markets, shops, gyms, banks, bars, restaurants, terraces, museums...

Just walking you can reach famous **Pedrera** by Gaudí. **Sagrada Familia**, **Plaza Catalunya**, **Las Ramblas and the Old Town** are just two stops by underground.

We are also close to Gracia quarter, full of university students, artists, art galleries, clubs, fashion shops, bars terraces... just about the most exciting area in Barcelona along with Borne quarter.





