



Spanish for
Sephardic
Communities

Language, History and Culture



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Spanish in Sepharad: Program Goals

We are offering a special **4-week credit-bearing Spanish course** with a concentration on **Sephardic content** (Spanish, history and culture). The main purpose of this educational program is to connect students with their Sephardic roots within the unique environment of Jewish Spain and ancient Sepharad. We are aware that the Spanish government is currently offering the Spanish nationality to those who can prove their Sephardic origin and a sufficient level of Spanish proficiency (A2 level). We will also prepare students to take the A2 Spanish Test (D.E.L.E).

Linguistic Goals

Our 15 hour/week course aims at providing students with the sufficient resources to be able to communicate in Spanish (shopping, communicating with people, expressing preferences, travelling, etc.). Providing that students have the adequate level of Spanish, texts and other material with more specific Sephardic contents will be used in class. In addition, a preparation block for the A2 Spanish exam (being acquainted with the exam format and language requirements to be able to pass it) and content on current social and cultural facts of Spain will be taught.

Cultural Goals

The Spanish trail of Jewish Quarters and events in today's Spain.

Visits

Madrid was home of one of the many Jewish settlements in Spain. By a series of walks and visits, in Madrid and other principal towns, we will revisit the Jewish history and main events. Getting to know the city of Madrid: Guided walks and visits to monuments, museums, etc.

- Visiting *Jewish heritage quarters*: Unique places that were once part of the Levies families and population of Madrid.
- Visiting Jewish and Sephardic associations.
- Gastronomic and musical visit to the Jewish quarters. Sephardic food, music, and its connections to current day Flamenco.

Excursions and trips (all part of the "Sepharad route")

- Daytrip to **Segovia**. This charming town was once key part of the Sephardic life in Spain.
- Daytrip to **Toledo**, once capital of Sepharad and famous for its Jewish heritage.
- Weekend trip to **Cordoba** and **Seville**. Visiting Cordoba's Jewish quarter and *Levies Seville* (unique palaces, mansions and synagogues that were once part of the Levies families and population of Seville).



PROGRAM DETAILS AND PRICE

Spanish in Sepharad: Language and Culture Course

LANGUAGE:

OBJECTIVES:

- To acquire and practice different communicative functions aiming at being able to interact in different contexts.
- To acquire and practice grammatical, vocabulary and pragmatic contents.
- To get familiar with the DELE exam at A2 level and practice the different skills so that those students wishing to sit the exam can do it in the different annual sessions.

CONTENTS:

Contents will depend on the students' level of knowledge of Spanish upon the course's starting date: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 or C2.

CULTURE:

OBJECTIVES:

- To know the geographical and socio-cultural context of Spain and to identify its main elements.
- To know the main characteristics of Sephardic culture in the Iberian Peninsula.
- To identify the main elements of the Sephardic legacy in the Iberian Peninsula.

CONTENTS:

In order to achieve the abovementioned objectives, the following cultural contents will be taught:

Spain: geographic location, social situation and main historical features.

- Physical and political geography: administrative organization of Spain and geographical limits of the Iberian Peninsula.
- Main historical periods of Spain.
- Main characteristics of Spain's modern society.

Jewish community in the Iberian Peninsula: Past and present.

- Sepharad: The history of the Jews in the Iberian Peninsula, from the time of Romanization to the reign of the Catholic Monarchs.
- The problem of the Judeo-conversos in Spain after the reign of the Catholic Monarchs
- The diaspora: the settlement of the Sephardic outside the Iberian Peninsula and its historical development.
- The current situation of the Sephardic Jews.

Past and present of the cultural manifestations of the Sephardic community:

- Main artistic manifestations of the Jews in the Peninsula: Architecture. Study of the synagogues of El Tránsito and Santa María la Blanca, in Toledo and the synagogue of Segovia
- Main features of the literature and the Jewish philosophical and scientific thought in the Peninsula.
- The Hispanic-Jewish musical legacy
- The Ladino, the language of Sephardic Jews: origins and historical evolution.

Geographical distribution of Jewish and Judeo-converted communities in the Iberian Peninsula

- The main peninsular Aljamas.

These contents will be complemented by cultural visits to places of interest for the Sephardic community:

- Visits to Sephardic associations and cultural centers in Madrid and Toledo
- Visits to the synagogues of Toledo and Segovia
- Visits to the places in which the historiography locates the old aljamas in Madrid, Toledo, Segovia, Cordova and Seville.



Important Note: A minimum of **10 students** will be required in order to open a new course. Please contact us for other options.

1. Organizing institution:

Universidad Antonio de Nebrija. Centro de Estudios Hispánicos.
Campus Universitario Madrid-Princesa
C/ Sta. Cruz de Marcenado, 27-31
28015 Madrid

2. Program dates:

Available all year long

3. Contact:

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4. Price per student for 4 weeks is **2,932€**

Includes:

- a. Spanish language course: 15 hours/week (60 hours in total)
- b. 5 visits in Madrid
 - Walking tour in the Habsburgs' Madrid
 - Visit to Prado Museum
 - Visit to Reina Sofía Museum
 - Visit to the Royal Palace
 - Walking tour in Jewish quarters in Madrid
- c. 1 visit to a Sephardic center
- d. 2 one-day excursions (Segovia and Toledo)
- e. 1 weekend trip to Cordoba and Seville
- f. Registration fees and course material
- g. Farewell dinner at a Sephardic restaurant

ACCOMMODATION

We can arrange your accommodation in a shared studio. If interested, please add this amount to the program's price: **750€/month**.

NOTES:

1. Classes and/or activities might be carried out either in the morning or in the evening according to the already scheduled courses at the time when students of the Sephardic program are in Madrid.
2. Our staff will accompany students during activities.
3. In the unlikely case that any of the activities has to be cancelled, it will be substituted by one of similar characteristics.