



Spanish Language and Culture Courses 2005/2006

Destination La Rioja (Spain), where Spanish was born

The University of La Rioja (UR) is located on a modern campus in Logroño, capital of La Rioja, where 7,500 students are registered on courses in 26 undergraduate programs, Doctorates, Masters and other Postgraduate Courses. The UR is the only University in this small, quiet region in Northern Spain. La Rioja is where the Monasteries of **San Millán de la Cogolla**, cradle of the first words written in the Spanish language, are situated, sites included in UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1996.

The **University of La Rioja** was founded in 1992 and, as a centre devoted to Higher Education, Research and Cultural Promotion, has continued the work of these monasteries in disseminating knowledge and the Spanish language. Today, the UR is an examination centre for the Instituto Cervantes allowing students to sit the DELE exam*.

The size of the campus, occupying an area of 159.911 m² with lots of green open spaces, guarantees personal attention and an ideal atmosphere of cultural immersion for learning Spanish as a Foreign Language. Students study in small groups, have free access to computer rooms with Internet facilities in each building and to brand new sports facilities. Additionally all students may enjoy special discounts in some shops in town merely by identifying themselves as University of La Rioja students.



Burgos: Gothic Cathedral

Bilbao: Guggenheim Museum

Pamplona: Fiestas of San Fermín

Zaragoza: Site of the Expo 2008

— Toll Motorway
— National Highway

All the buildings of the University of La Rioja are grouped together on a single campus. At its heart, a stone's throw from each building, is the UR **Library**. Rated as one of the five best university libraries in Spain, it has a stock of 217.900 books and also on-line services via Internet: DIALNET is the most important data base of scientific articles in Spanish, constantly updated by UR Library staff.

The University of La Rioja campus is on the outskirts of the city, but only a short distance from the centre. **Logroño** is the capital of La Rioja, with a metropolitan area of 142,143 inhabitants and all the facilities of a modern capital, but on a comfortable, manageable scale.

Logroño is linked with nearby capitals such as Bilbao or Pamplona, an hour away by road. The local airport offers several daily flights to the international airports of Madrid and Barcelona.

La Rioja is one of the 17 Autonomous Communities into which the Spanish State is divided. Its 281.614 inhabitants enjoy good quality of life, with an economy approaching full employment and a high level of

public safety. La Rioja is a region rich in history, culture, heritage and traditions. In addition it is only a short distance from cities like Bilbao, with the impressive Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank O.Gehry, or Pamplona, whose bull-runs during the Fiestas of San Fermín were made world famous by Ernest Hemingway.

La Rioja is a fertile region, world famous for its **wines**, crossed by the River Ebro which gives the Iberian Peninsula its name and by **St. James' Way**, the most important pilgrims' route in all Christendom. The monasteries of San Millán de la Cogolla are the birthplace of the oldest known written forms of the Spanish language. The "glosas emilianenses", (marginal notes or glosses written in the monasteries) have been studied by professors from the University of La Rioja.

The people of La Rioja are known for their open, cheerful, hospitable character with all those who visit them. They shower their guests with the best of the region's cuisine, in which the "calle Laurel" is the most typical and liveliest place to meet in Logroño, offering its wines and a range of original bar snacks or 'tapas'.



* DELE is a certificate which, like TOEFL or Cambridge First certificate in English, accredits knowledge of Spanish as a Foreign Language. The Instituto Cervantes is an official public body of the Spanish Government devoted to the promotion and teaching of the Spanish language and culture.



Live Culture and Nature

Logroño is culturally a lively city. The **Actual Festival** is a date not to be missed by all those who want to know the latest trends in music, films and art. In addition, throughout the year, the city's **Teatro Bretón** plays host to the best theatrical companies and shows of the season (with student discounts). "Rioja and the Five Senses" is a cultural festival devoted to wine, at harvest time, with talks, concerts, exhibitions, tastings, etc.

The fifty cinema screens with the best new films, the shows at the Riojaforum Congress Centre and Auditorium (concerts, opera, zarzuela, etc.), the route of the monasteries (Cañas, Nájera, Valvanera) or the Dinastía Vivanco Theme Museum of the Culture of Wine offer opportunities to enjoy culture in Logroño and the rest of La Rioja.



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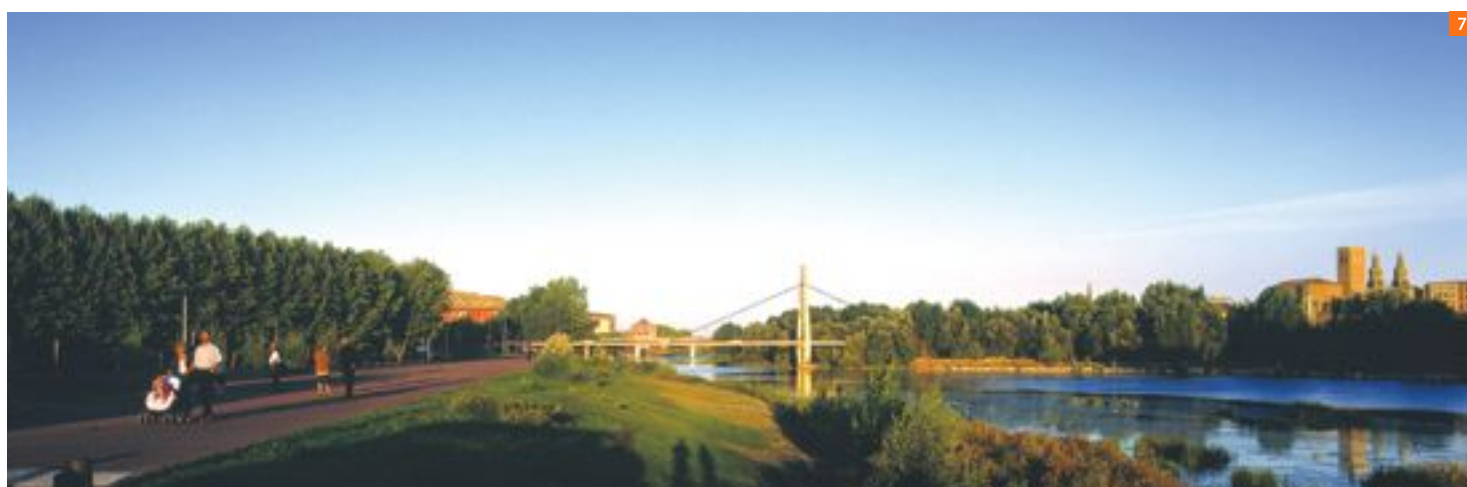
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In addition, Calahorra, the second biggest city in La Rioja after Logroño, was an important enclave of the **Roman Empire**. Nájera, cradle of kings, was the ancient capital of the Kingdom of Navarre. Haro, the wine capital, is home to most of the oldest wine cellars of La Rioja, which can be visited as part of an itinerary (like the monasteries). Alfaro has the largest colony of storks in Europe. Enciso and Igea have some of the most important **dinosaur** fossil print sites in the world. In Ezcaray, a lovely town which sits at the foot of the mountains, you can go **skiing** in winter and listen to **jazz** in the summer. In this latter season, the UR organizes its summer courses in Santo Domingo, (an important resting place on the Pilgrim's Route to Compostela), Calahorra and Arnedo.

There is much more, but you will have to come and find it for yourself. We are waiting for you.



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Spanish Courses

Spanish Language Courses at the University of La Rioja are for students of all nationalities who want to learn Spanish or improve their mastering of the language. Taught by Specialist University teachers, they combine the systematic study of grammar and vocabulary with the practice of communication skills.

Language courses are offered at three levels and with 180 hours each term. Students can opt to study for one, two or three terms (a full academic year).



- **Duration:** one term (12 weeks).
Courses are divided into two parts:
 - a) **180 hours of Spanish Language** (3 hours per day from Monday to Friday)
 - b) **Other courses:** students have to choose a minimum of 45 hours or up to a maximum of 135 hours of additional courses in Spanish Language and Culture (see next page).
- **Dates:**
 - Academic Year:** September 26th, 2005 to June 30th, 2006
 - Autumn Course:** September 26th to December 16th, 2005
 - Winter Course:** January 9th to March 31st, 2006
 - Spring Course:** April 3rd to June 30th, 2006*
- **Levels:** Beginner**, intermediate and advanced
- **Reduced groups.**
- **Teachers:** University of La Rioja teachers and guest teachers
- **Other activities:** culture courses, excursions to nearby cities (Bilbao, Pamplona, San Sebastián, Madrid), visits to wine cellars, guided tastings with winemakers, regional cuisine, sport (football, basketball, rambling, yoga, tai chi)
- **Accommodation:**
 - 1) **Host families:** individual (514 €/month) or shared room (450 €/month) with carefully selected families under University supervision.
 - 2) **University Residences:** information on halls of residence and private flats for rent can be found on the web site: www.unirioja.es/alojamientos

	Spanish Language (15 hours/week)	Complementary Courses	Total hours	Cost
ACADEMIC YEAR	540 hours	270 hours	810 hours	2520 €
TERM COURSES	180 hours	45 hours	225 hours	900 €
	180 hours	90 hours	270 hours	1050 €
	180 hours	135 hours	315 hours	1200 €

For further information contact: espanol@unirioja.es

* Easter Holidays April 13th to 23rd, 2006

** Beginners courses are only offered to complete groups with which a prior arrangement has been made

Complementary Courses

Each term, the student will be able to choose from a wide range of options to complement their language study. Different courses, lasting between 15 and 60 hours, are programmed every term. Courses are adapted to the different levels, offering the student the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the Spanish language, to learn about the various aspects of Spanish culture and to obtain specific training in professional areas.

▪ **The student who wishes to acquire deeper linguistic knowledge can enrol for the following courses:**

- Conversation and communication practice (30 hours)
- Spanish for business (30 hours)

▪ **To complement the language learning component, various courses on aspects of Spanish culture are offered. The courses planned, taught by university specialists in the corresponding subjects, are the following:**

- Spanish cinema (60 hours)
- Introduction to the culture and production of wine (30 hours)
- Introduction to contemporary Spanish literature I (15 hours)
- Introduction to contemporary Spanish literature II (15 hours)
- Spanish culture and civilisation I (15 hours)
- Spanish culture and civilisation II (15 hours)
- Introduction to the European Union (15 hours)
- Gastronomy (15 hours)
- History and Art in the Jacobean Way (15 hours)
- New architecture and wine cellars (15 hours)
- Introduction to Spanish heraldry (15 hours)

In addition to these, those students with sufficient mastery of Spanish will be able to attend University classes as visiting students in degree courses offered at the University. There is a wide selection of topics and areas (social sciences, experimental sciences, humanities, law, languages, etc).

Finally, the University of La Rioja will, upon request, offer specific courses for groups on required topics, on flexible and negotiable terms. These courses are backed by the quality of the institution's teachers (Spanish and winemaking, Spanish and Foreign Trade, Spanish and Gastronomy, etc.)



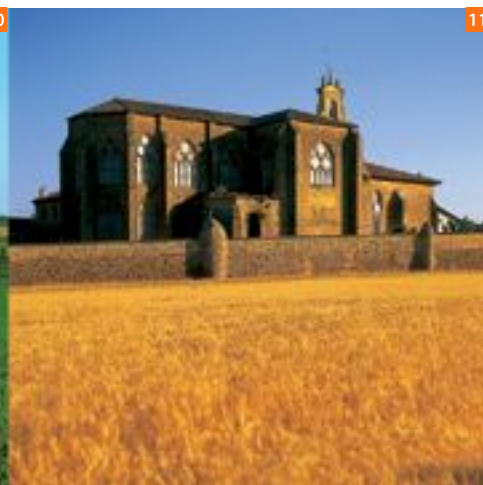
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Enrolment and course fees

To register for any of these courses you must first send the following documentation:

- Duly completed application form
- Two passport photographs

The documentation must be sent to:

Universidad de La Rioja
Vicerrectorado de Relaciones
Internacionales e Institucionales
Cursos de Lengua y Cultura Españolas
Avda. de La Paz, 93
26006 Logroño (La Rioja)
España

The University of La Rioja will then contact you to explain how to pay the enrolment (150 €) and course fees.

Please address any enquiries to:
espanol@unirioja.es

The course fees include:

- Fee for the course and number of hours chosen
- Basic medical insurance
- Teaching materials: text book and photocopies
- Guided tours of the city, sights and museums selected by the organisation and excursions to places within the province.
- Certificates and diplomas
- Accommodation search and allocation
- Use of University facilities:
 - Library
 - Computer rooms, reading rooms, sports facilities
 - Student welfare and counselling services

Observations:

- The enrolment fee paid as a deposit will be deducted from the total cost of the course. Students can also pay the entire course in advance if they so wish.
- The balance of fees must be paid during the first week of the course.
- Except in special circumstances, all students must take a placement test to assess their level.

Any student who is unable to follow a course after paying the deposit will be entitled to reimbursement only when the cause is a case of *force majeure* or otherwise beyond his/her control. All cancellations must be made in writing before the start of the course, accompanied by the relevant documents.



Useful data

CLIMATE AND SITUATION

Logroño is situated on the banks of the River Ebro and at the western end of the river valley. On the south it is bordered by the mountains of the Iberian Massif, and to the north by the Sierra Cantabria. Its special geographical position gives it great variety in landscape ranging from the Iberian peaks to the vineyards and rich river meadows.

In La Rioja there is a convergence of Atlantic, Mediterranean and Continental climates. Logroño enjoys a mild, pleasant climate with cool winters and warm summers, with daytime temperatures ranging from 6 °C in December to 26 °C in July and August. Rainfall is not abundant and is spread throughout the year.

HOW TO GET TO LOGROÑO

Logroño is a provincial capital in the north of Spain, 336 kilometres from Madrid, the Spanish capital, and 156 from Bilbao. Currently, it has an airport providing daily flights to Madrid and Barcelona, whose international airports connect with other world capitals.

Logroño-Agoncillo Airport:

www.amadeus.net

www.aena.es

Telephone: +(34) 902 400 500

By rail, Logroño has a daily link with Madrid by high speed intercity train.

www.renfe.es

Telephone: + (34) 902 24 02 02

By coach: Logroño has links with the main Spanish provincial capitals. With Madrid and Barcelona, there are several links each day.

www.continental-auto.es

www.alsa.es

By car, Logroño can be easily reached by motorway from Madrid (336 km) and Barcelona (506 km).

In **Logroño**, the campus is on a single site, a short distance from the city centre, with a **good public bus service**.



MAP OF THE CAMPUS

■ UR buildings

■ Green spaces

- 1 University Administration Building
- 2 Quintiliano Building
- 3 Vives Building
- 4 Caja Rioja Library
- 5 Departmental Building
- 6 Polytechnic Building
- 7 Languages Building
- 8 Scientific and Technological Complex
- 9 Sports Centre

Application form

Formulario de solicitud

Apellido(s):
Last Name:

Nombre:
First Name:

Pasaporte: Nacionalidad:
Passport number: Nationality:

Fecha de Nacimiento: Día Mes Año Sexo: femenino ☐ masculino ☐
Date of birth Day Month Year Sex: female male

Dirección:
Address:

Ciudad/País:
City/Country:

Teléfono: Fax:
Phone number: Fax number:

Correo electrónico:
E-mail:

Profesión:
Occupation:

¿Has realizado estudios de español? ☐ Si Yes ☐ No No
Have you studied Spanish before?

Nivel estimado: ☐ Principiante Beginner ☐ Intermedio Intermediate ☐ Avanzado Advanced
Your level of Spanish:

¿Solicita alojamiento? ☐ En familia Lodging with a family ☐ En residencia universitaria University housing
Do you require accommodation?

PERIODO(S) Y CURSO(S) ELEGIDO(S) / CHOSEN TERM(S) AND COURSE(S):

☐ **CURSO COMPLETO:** Septiembre-Junio
ACADEMIC YEAR: September-June

☐ **TRIMESTRE(S):** Septiembre-Diciembre: ☐ 225 horas ☐ 270 horas ☐ 315 horas
TERM(S): September-December: hours hours hours

Enero-Marzo: ☐ 225 horas ☐ 270 horas ☐ 315 horas
January-March: hours hours hours

Abril-Junio: ☐ 225 horas ☐ 270 horas ☐ 315 horas
April-June: hours hours hours

Fecha de Llegada: Día Mes Año Firma:
Arrival date: Day Month Year Signature:

Fecha de salida: Día Mes Año
Departure date: Day Month Year

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Date: Day Month Year



Folio 72r of the San Millán Codex (Códice Emilianense) from the Monastery of San Millán de la Cogolla, where the first written forms of the Spanish language appear.



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