

Spanish courses - *Language and culture* -

UAB Idiomes Barcelona, the School of Modern Languages of the *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona* (UAB), offers a professional language teaching service to the local and international community. The centre is located in an art nouveau building, UAB-Casa Convalescència, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, just a few minutes away from the centre of Barcelona.

UAB Idiomes Barcelona provides high quality teaching to enable our students to make rapid progress and use their Spanish in an effective and practical way. Our Spanish courses also introduce the student to the cultural and social customs of the country.

Our Spanish courses:

- **Intensive Spanish courses** of 4 hours a day, 20 hours a week, running all year, with starting dates every month. Students can join our courses from a minimum of 4 weeks, and must be over 18 years old. Class sizes: 6-15 students.
- **Group courses (Spanish and Catalan)**, tailor made to suit different groups. Group size: 4-18 students; we can cater for up to 180 students.
- **Individual One-to-One courses (Spanish and Catalan)**, arranged with a personalised programme for the student. They can be combined with intensive courses.

All our courses include a placement test, continuous assessment and individual tutorials.

Our school also organizes the following courses for groups:

- **Exam preparation Spanish courses:** DELE Spanish Diploma, Spanish Business Diploma.
- **Special interest Spanish courses:** Business, Art & Culture, Cinema.

Our levels are based on the Council of Europe *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*. Each course corresponds to 80 hours of class time.

Common European Framework Levels	UAB Idiomes Courses
Breakthrough A1	A1
Waystage A2	A2
Threshold B1	B1.1
	B1.2
Vantage B2	B2.1
	B2.2
Effective Operational Proficiency C1	C1.1
	C1.2
Mastery C2	C2

Our Spanish courses lead to **official certificates issued by the *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)*** and can be used to obtain credits.

OUR TEACHERS, OUR METHODS

Our teachers are qualified and experienced language teaching professionals, dedicated to providing a successful learning experience.

Our language teaching method is based on:

- A communicative approach, with a special focus on practising oral expression.
- Communication and interactive activities to develop the four main skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- Individual assessment and tutorials.
- Learning strategies that will help our students continue studying the language on their own.
- Living the language outside the classroom.

OUR ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

There are two elements in the assessment system: Continuous Assessment, which counts for 30% of the final mark and evaluates the student's progress throughout the course and the Final Exam, which counts for 70% of the final mark and which tests whether the student has achieved the overall objectives for the level.

Continuous Assessment

The teacher monitors the student's work in class, paying particular attention to their progress and participation in communicative activities, their individual progress and their homework. The teacher may also include the results of any mini-tests done during the course.

Final Exam

There are 5 parts to the final exam and students must score 50% in each part:

Writing	15 points
Speaking	15 points
Reading	15 points
Listening	15 points
Grammar and vocabulary	10 points
Total	70 points

The results of the final exam are added to the mark for continuous assessment to give an overall result out of 100. This is then converted into the following grades:

Grade	%
Fail	0% - 64,9%
Pass	65% - 74,9%
Very Good	75% - 89,9%
Excellent	90% - 100%

To pass the exam students must get 50% in each part and achieve an overall score of at least 65%.

UAB Idiomes Barcelona also offers:

- **Accommodation** to any student enrolled in our Spanish courses and those travelling with them. We can organize accommodation in student residences, apartments, hotels and family homes.
- **Visits** for our students to some of the many interesting local sites and events that help bring the city alive. **Barcelona** is a fascinating Mediterranean city, home to architectural and cultural masterpieces. Its cosmopolitan population and economic importance coupled with an exceptional climate and vibrant atmosphere makes it a very attractive proposition all year round.
- **Exchanges with local students** that are interested in meeting foreign students and “exchanging” languages in a relaxed and informal way.

The *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona* was founded in 1968 and is among the best education establishments in Spain and the European Union in terms of the quality of teaching and research. Our university believes that training in foreign languages is a vital part of education in general.

Course Calendar & Prices 2008 - 2009

Spanish Intensive courses 2008 – 2009

Course length: 4 weeks 80 hours

Days: Monday to Friday

Time: 9:30 – 14:00 h.

Course Dates

Start	Finish	Start	Finish
30/06/08	25/07/08	14/04/09	08/05/09
28/07/08	22/08/08	11/05/09	05/06/09
25/08/08	19/09/08	08/06/09	03/07/09
22/09/08	17/10/08	06/07/09	31/07/09
20/10/08	14/11/08	03/08/09	28/08/09
17/11/08	12/12/08	31/08/09	25/09/09
12/01/09	06/02/09	28/09/09	23/10/09
09/02/09	06/03/09	26/10/09	20/11/09
09/03/09	03/04/09	23/11/09	18/12/09

Christmas Break: 15/12/08 to 09/01/09 inclusive

Easter Break: 06/04/09 to 13/04/09 inclusive

Holidays: 15/08/08, 11/09/08, 24/09/08, 08/12/08, 01/05/09, 01/06/09, 24/06/09, 15/08/09, 11/09/09, 24/09/09, 12/10/09, 08/12/09

Prices 2008 - 2009 - individuals -

- ❑ 2 to 8 weeks: 205 € per week
- ❑ 9 to 16 weeks: 195 € per week
- ❑ 17 to 24 weeks: 185 € per week
- ❑ 25 plus weeks: 180 € per week

Price includes: Registration and enrolment fee / Placement test / Welcome pack with local information and advice / Teaching and tutorial sessions / Progress tests / UAB examination for 80 hour courses / UAB certificate / Internet access / Loan of course books and materials / Student ID card.

OTHER SERVICES

Cultural activities

We organize visits for our students to some of the many interesting local events that help bring the city alive.

Exchanges with local students

UAB Idiomes Barcelona has over 600 local students enrolled on English, German, French and other language courses. Many of these students are interested in meeting foreign students and “exchanging” languages in a relaxed and informal way.

Excursions

Barcelona’s privileged location on the Mediterranean means that many interesting destinations are within a few hours’ reach. Here are some favourite destinations our students can visit:

- The Barcelona FC Football stadium and museum
- The Montserrat Monastery
- Sitges and its beaches
- The San Fermín festival in Pamplona
- Weekend Ski trips to Andorra
- Cava Vineyards
- The Garrotxa Volcanic National Park
- Walking tours of Barcelona
- Visits to the Picasso Museum
- Golondrina boat trips around Barcelona harbour
- The Roman cities of Tarragona and Girona
- The Costa Brava beaches and Tossa de Mar
- Port Aventura Theme Park
- The Dalí Museum in Figueres and the town of Cadaqués

Optional insurance

We highly recommend that students arrange adequate personal insurance for travel, illness, accidents or loss of personal property. UAB Idiomes Barcelona has negotiated a comprehensive insurance package with Europe Assistance that takes effect from the moment you arrive in Spain until departure. Please ask us for further details.

Insurance (GDS-Europ Assistance)

Up to 1 month	50 €
Up to 3 months	120 €
Up to 6 months	230 €

Airport pick up service

UAB Idiomes Barcelona provides a transfer service to and from Barcelona Airport, or to and from Sants railway station in Barcelona.

Airport Transfers

Airport to Barcelona city: 36 € (one way)

Airport to Vila Universitària (UAB Campus): 55 € (one way)

For more information please contact us:

UAB Idiomes Barcelona

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How to Book – Application procedure 2008 - 2009

Spanish Intensive courses 2008 – 2009

Bookings

You can book a Spanish course at UAB Idiomes Barcelona:

- by completing and sending us the **Application form** at our web www.uab-idiomes.com, or
- through our worldwide network of agents (please contact us for the name of a local agent)

Payment

Please fill out the course enrolment form and send it to us with a deposit of 250 €, or 500 € if you require visa documents. You can pay by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or bank transfer. If you pay by bank transfer, please add 15 € for bank and administration charges. Other bank charges are paid by the sender.

Bank details:

Caixa Catalunya

Plaça Cívica UAB

08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès)

Barcelona, Spain

Account name: **UAB Barcelona**

Account IBAN number: **ES 15-2013-0692-8902-0190-1437**

Swift code: **CESCESBBXXX**

Confirmation of enrolment

When we receive your application form we will confirm that you are enrolled on your chosen course and send you a letter welcoming you to UAB Idiomes Barcelona. We will also send you the complete bill for your course which **must be paid 3 weeks before the course starts**. Any registration that is confirmed but not paid for in full before the course starts, may be cancelled. The deposit will be deducted from the final bill and is non-refundable.

**The price includes:**

20 hours of classes per week
Registration and enrolment fee
Placement test
Welcome pack with local information and advice
Individual assessment and tutorials
Progress tests
UAB examination
UAB certificate
Loan of course books and materials
Student ID card

Administration Charges

Express mailing of letters or documents for visa purposes will be charged at 55 €.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be notified in writing a minimum of 21 days before the course starts. All tuition fees will be refunded minus a 50 € administration fee. Cancellations between 1 and 21 days before the course starting date will forfeit the entire deposit of 250 € or 500 €. There are no refunds for cancellation after the course starts.

All courses must be paid in full before the starting date. UAB Idiomes Barcelona reserves the right to cancel courses due to insufficient number of students with a minimum notice time. In this case, the course fees will be refunded in full.

UAB Idiomes Barcelona reserves the right to terminate any applicant's participation if he/she does not adhere to the rules and regulations of the school.

No refunds (or extensions) will be given for late arrivals or absence during the course, or for teaching days lost due to local and national holidays when the school is closed.

Insurance

UAB Idiomes Barcelona will not be held responsible for loss or damage to personal property or belongings.

EU nationals are strongly advised to obtain form E-111 from their local health authority before arriving in Spain. All students are advised to arrange adequate personal insurance for Spain. UAB Idiomes Barcelona can arrange comprehensive local insurance for students who have not made the necessary prior arrangements.

Visas for Spain

It is the duty of each student to ascertain the correct entry requirements for entering Spain at their nearest Embassy or Consulate. Citizens of the EEC do not normally require visas but UAB Idiomes Barcelona cannot accept responsibility if students are denied entry into the country.

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ACCOMMODATION 2008 - 2009

UAB Idiomes Barcelona offers accommodation to any student enrolled in our Spanish courses and those travelling with them. See below for a description of the different options.

To receive a quote or to make a reservation for any of the described accommodation types, please contact **Vila Universitària** at vila@vilauniversitaria.com or +34 93 581 70 04. Please take note that depending on the time of the year we will not be able to confirm the type of accommodation you have chosen.

Accommodation in the city

Shared Apartments

a) Private Apartments (shared with owner)

- 2 to 5 bedroom flats
- all located within 30 minutes travelling time from our school
- shared use of kitchen, lounge and bathroom with other students
- available for minimum of 2 weeks rental
- renting conditions must be signed upon arrival
- 200 € deposit paid when the key is handed over and the renting conditions are signed
- the deposit is returned to the student on completion of the full rental period
- sheets and towels are provided

b) Student Apartments (shared with other students)

- 2 to 5 bedroom flats
- less than 30 minutes from our school
- shared use of kitchen, lounge and bathroom with other students
- usually available for a minimum of 4 weeks rental throughout the year
- renting conditions must be signed upon arrival
- 200 € deposit paid when the key is handed over and the renting conditions are signed
- the deposit is returned to the student on completion of the full rental period
- sheets and towels are not provided

Selected Host Families

We offer our students carefully selected host families. Accommodation is in single or twin rooms. Students can choose Bed & Breakfast only or Half Board (with evening meal). Our hosts live less than 30 minutes from our school and they can be individuals, couples or families with children.

Student residences

Àgora BCN Residence

Àgora BCN is an intercultural space for studying and living together, located 20 minutes from our school by bus/metro. Rooms are very comfortable, with natural light, bathroom, work area and internet connection. Bed & Breakfast or Half board accommodation.

For more information, visit www.agorabcn.com

Accommodation on Campus

The Campus of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) is located in Bellaterra. It is well connected by motorways and public transport network to Barcelona, only 25 km. away.

Vila Universitària Apartments

(Available in July and August only)

Vila Universitària is the UAB Student Residence complex on Campus, built for the '92 Olympics, and accommodating more than 2,000 guests.

D – Apartment: 30 m² – 1 double room (either for two guests or for individual use)

B – Apartment: 76 m² – 2 double rooms (for up to 4 guests)

Each apartment has:

- one bathroom
- one kitchen
- full equipment with sheets, towels and kitchen utensils



Students staying at the Vila Universitària can also use the following facilities and services:

- open air swimming pool, a beach volleyball field and a football field, available exclusively to the guests
- the University Sport Centre (SAF), paying a small monthly extra charge
- the University shopping centre (Plaça Cívica)
- restaurant, internet facilities, supermarket, and many other services

For more information, you can visit www.vilauniversitaria.com

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