





Achieve Fluency

In 2023, Richard Davie and Raquel Rojo founded Iberia Language Academy near the iconic Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, driven by a shared passion for language and culture. They set out to create a welcoming space where students from around the world could learn Spanish with personalised support and expert teaching.

With six spacious, modern classrooms equipped for dynamic learning, we cater to groups of all sizes, ensuring everyone feels supported on their language journey. Every course is designed and delivered by experienced teachers committed to helping students reach their full potential with confidence and enthusiasm.

Whether you can as part of a small group or large group, are an adult, teenager or young learner, we offer a lively cultural activity program packed with fun and educational experiences that bring Spanish life and traditions to the forefront, making every moment memorable.

Join us at Iberia Language Academy for a an unforgettable educational experience in Spain's most popular city.

¡Nos vemos en Barcelona!

Richard Davie, Company Director

Iberia Language Academy helps students thrive. Here's how:



Small Group Sizes

Our classes are limited to a maximum of 12 students, ensuring personalised attention from the teacher.



Excellent Value

Excellent service and modern facilities at the most affordable prices. We believe education should be accessible to all.



Cultural Integration

We'll show you how locals really interact and how to connect with the culture through language.



Morning, Afternoon and **Evening Options**

Got a complicated work schedule? We offer classes from 09:30 to 20:00, catering to all schedules and routines.



First-Class Teachers

All of our teachers are native, qualified, experienced, talented, and above all, very friendly!



Communicative Approach

Learn with real practice in real context. You'll get lots of speaking practice with our native Spanish teachers and achieve fluency in no time!



Fun Cultural Activities

Spanish is best learned when you get out there and use it in the wild, and have some fun along the way!



What Our **Graduates Say**



I've been studying with Iberia Language Academy for a few weeks and I've been loving it. I've lived in Spain for many years and have been to a variety of different schools and had many different teachers but the teachers at ILA have really ignited my love for the Spanish language again. Totally recommend!

Jayde, Australia



I took the part-time course option at Iberia Language Academy and loved it! The entire staff was so friendly and welcoming, and the classes were organised and super enjoyable. The location was also a great bonus! It was around a 5 minute walk to La Sagrada Familia, with many cafes and stores all around.

Sara, Morocco



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My experience studying Spanish at ILA surpassed all expectations. The teachers were so knowledgeable and helpful and Mirna was always so friendly and quick to reply. I particularly appreciated the focus on practical speaking skills and now I feel much more confident communicating in Spanish. This course has greatly enhanced my life in Barcelona and I'm so grateful for what I've learned.

Chris, USA



Spanish Courses

at Iberia Language Academy



Intensive 20

Ideal if you want to make the most of your time in Barcelona and get impressive results in a short space of time.

() 20 hours per week (4 hours per day)

09:30-13:30, Monday to Friday

Ideal if you want to give your Spanish a boost and combine with working or studying part time.

(1) 10 hours per week (2 hours per day)

09:30-11:30, Monday to Friday 11:30-13:30, Monday to Friday

Semi-intensive 10

Part-time 4

Ideal if you work full time and want to improve your Spanish with regular classes.

(4 hours per week

09:30-11:25, Mon & Wed or Tues & Thurs 11:35-13:30, Mon & Wed or Tues & Thurs 16:00-18:00, Mon & Wed or Tues & Thurs 18:00-20:00, Mon & Wed or Tues & Thurs

Ideal if you need an official certificate to demonstrate your level of Spanish.

32-hour course (8 h/week for 4 weeks)

16:00-18:00, Monday to Thursday 18:00-20:00, Monday to Thursday

6 courses per year, consult the website for dates.

DELE Exam Preparation

Ideal if you want to purely focus on speaking and improve your fluency. Discuss a wide variety of topics with our native Spanish teachers.

2 hours per week

14:00-15:00, Mon & Wed or Tue & Thurs

Conversation Class

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Private Classes

Ideal if you want classes 100% adapted to your needs and learning style.

Our Description Book 10- hour packs

Flexible timetable

Ideal for busy professionals who need Spanish for work. 100% adapted to your needs, context and business sector.

Oay & time flexible according to your needs

At your place of work, our school or online.

Business Courses



How Quickly Will I Learn?

Your Spanish level will align with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Use this table to estimate how long it typically takes to progress through each level.

	BEGINNER				
	A1.1	A1.2	A2.1	A2.2	
20H/WEEK	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	
10H/WEEK	4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	
4H/WEEK	1 YEAR				

	INTERMEDIATE				
	B1.1	B1.2	B2.1	B2.2	
20H/WEEK	3 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	
10H/WEEK	6 WEEKS	6 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	
4H/WEEK	2 YEARS				

	ADVANCED				
	B1.1	B1.2	B2.1	B2.2	
20H/WEEK	12 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	
10H/WEEK	24 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	
4H/WEEK	2 YEARS				



I have been taking Spanish classes at Iberia Language Academy for a month, and they have been excellent! My teacher, Raquel, is so fun, engaging, and such a patient teacher. I feel like my knowledge has already improved so much through these weekly classes. I highly recommend these classes if you are wanting to improve your Spanish fluency!



Student Visas

Studying Spanish can qualify you for a long-term student visa. At Iberia Language Academy, we have extensive experience guiding students through the Spanish student visa process, and aim to make the process as easy as possible.



Do I need a visa?

If you are not from the European Union and wish to stay in Spain for more than 90 days, you'll need a student visa.



What are the requirements?

To apply, you'll need to enrol in a course with at least 20 hours of study per week. Additionally, you'll require a valid passport, a criminal background check, a medical report, proof of financial support for your stay, medical insurance, and an invitation letter from our school. For a detailed guide on the process and requirements, contact us at classes@ilabarcelona.com.



What are the benefits?

- Stay in Spain legally for up to a year, with the option to extend
- · Travel freely within the Schengen area
- Work legally up to 20 hours per week
- Obtain your NIE (identity number) and access local services

Contact our coordination team at classes@ilabarcelona.com for more information!

FAQs

Do you offer classes for complete beginners?

es, we start new beginner courses every month, and they are designed for people who are complete beginners, and maybe only know 'hola' and 'gracias'!

Are ILA teachers native Spanish speakers? What are their qualifications?

All Spanish teachers at Iberia Language
Academy are native Spanish speakers with
extensive experience in language teaching.
Additionally, our teachers commonly
possess a variety of degrees, certificates
and further education in teaching Spanish as
a foreign language.

Who are my classmates?

Your classmates will be other students from diverse backgrounds and nationalities who are also studying Spanish at ILA. It provides a multicultural and immersive learning experience, where you are encouraged to speak only Spanish and class.

How many students are there per class?

Our class sizes may vary, but we set a maximum of 12 students per class. This allows the teacher to dedicate plenty of time to each student.

What does the course timetable look like?

We provide morning and afternoon class options, offering the flexibility to extend courses as needed. New courses start every Monday and classes typically run from 09:30 to 13:30 and from 18:00 to 20:00, Monday to Friday.

What teaching method do you use?

ILA uses the communicative method, focusing on developing practical language skills through meaningful, real-life communication. Our curriculum aligns with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and the Cervantes Institute's Curricular Plan. This approach includes a mix of speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities, along with group discussions and interactive exercises.



Meet The Directors





Originally from Scotland, Richard fell in love with Barcelona and decided to make it his home. He set up ILA's sister school, TEFL Iberia, in 2012 and since then has built a successful business running teacher training and language courses in Barcelona.

He learned Spanish from scratch in Barcelona and loves welcoming new people to the city and helping them with their language learning journey. Day to day, you will find Richard working on the development of the school and looking after the well-being of the company and everyone involved. On the weekends, he enjoys spending time in the nature surrounding Barcelona, and long lunches with his family and friends.



Raquel Rojo

Raquel, a Barcelona-born redhead with a passion for exploration, is an art historian and linguist with an insatiable curiosity for cultures, history, and languages. She has been a teacher, writer, course editor, director of studies and researcher across several countries, including Spain, Greece, Mexico, and Israel, as well as spending five years in China from 2011 to 2016.

Upon returning to Barcelona, she dedicated herself to various Spanish language teaching projects, helping students connect with the city's rich socio-cultural fabric. Fluent in Catalan and English, Raquel is driven by a deep passion for helping people from all backgrounds integrate into Spanish culture. As a Co-Founder and Academic Director At ILA, she's committed to making every student's experience enriching and transformative. Outside of work, Raquel enjoys practising yoga, meditating, studying, and spending quality time with family and close friends.



Cultural Activities

Get involved inside and outside of our classroom with our cultural activities. Our focus is on integration and understanding of 'real' Barcelona culture, which means less sangria and more castañadas! We'll show you how locals really interact and how to connect with the culture through language.

Our social calendar is a mixture of all the fun and unique activities that Barcelona has to offer, as well as opportunities to interact with locals and participate in local cultural events. This can include authentic Spanish cooking classes, trips to the market, cava tasting, open air cinema, vineyard cycling tours, Sant Jordi activities, calçotadas, and more.











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