

Spanish Immersion Program for International Professionals

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1. ***Placement Test, Verbal Assessment & Interest Questionnaire*** - Prior to program placement and payment, we conduct a placement test and interests assessment by email, and verbal assessment through Skype to determine your level of Spanish and provide a customized learning package.
2. ***Group Classes*** - A core part of the program is the group classes which are aimed at developing your Spanish communication skills based on a thematic framework - family, home, work, travel, etc. The course engages the student on all levels of communication, including reading, writing, listening, speaking and pronunciation.
 - o *Levels* - We offer all levels of learning from A1 - C2 (Beginner - Proficiency), based on the most widely recognized and respected framework, the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).
 - o *Recommended Schedule* - 4 hours a day, 5 days a week. Morning schedule. Classes are offered at the location of one of our partner institutes or universities, depending on the student's level and schedule.
3. ***Individual Classes - Special Purposes*** - Private, one-on-one classes are essential to the success of the program. This aspect of the program enables the students to target communications skills of their choice based on their specialized interests and professional goals.
 - o *Recommended Schedule* - 2 hours a day, 5 days a week. Afternoon schedule.
4. ***Measurement & Assessment*** - We are determined to enable our students to reach their language goals, therefore we carry out an initial Spanish assessment and an exit assessment to measure the students' progress and the effectiveness of our methodology.
 - o *Framework* - Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), A1 - C2 (Beginner – Proficient). See charts below.
 - o *Academic Advancement* - Depending on the students' academic initiative and learning aptitude, they can complete one level of the CEFR during a two or three week course if they are fully engaged in all core and optional cultural aspects of the program.
5. ***Program Duration*** - The program is offered in sessions of one week, two weeks, three weeks and one month.

6. **Certificates** - Certificates can be provided indicating your achievements in the program for academic and professional purposes.
7. **Continuing Education** - In order to further the student's language learning after the program, we offer free online tools and online one-on-one classes via Skype with a teacher of your choice.

CULTURAL IMMERSION (optional)

In order to reinforce the academic learning during the academic sessions, we offer and highly encourage participation in the cultural immersion aspect of our program. The program includes the following options:

1. Cultural Activities (Bogota)

- Museums
- Tourist attractions
- Language exchanges
- International business networking meetings
- Dancing - Bogota Salsa Tour
- Film/theater
- Professional soccer games
- Amateur soccer for the students
- Historic restaurants
- Historic parts of the city
- Etc.

2. Weekend Excursions

- Guatavita
- Villa de Leyva
- Minas de sal
- Neusa
- Desierto de la Tatacoa
- Villavicencio
- Cartagena
- Santa Marta
- Medellin

3. Volunteers Opportunities - we offer volunteer opportunities through our partner foundations in Bogota and other parts of Colombia.

- Fundación Project Beisbol
- Fundación Healing Colombia
- Fundación Tiempo de Juego
- And more.



Level	Description	EU Level
Beginner	You can understand very basic, everyday phrases and may respond with short, simple answers. You can exchange basic personal information, if the other person speaks slowly and clearly.	A1
Elementary	You can interact in a simple way on concrete everyday subjects, such as family information, shopping, etc. You can communicate in routine tasks on familiar subjects.	A2
Pre-Intermediate	You can converse in a fairly limited way on your background, the immediate environment and on matters of direct need. You can express basic opinions and wishes.	B1
Intermediate	You can understand and respond to the main points in a variety of everyday situations and also more abstract topics, but have a limited range of style and expression.	B1+
Upper-Intermediate	You can understand the main ideas of complex written and spoken texts. You can interact with reasonable fluency and accuracy on a fairly wide variety of topics.	B2
Advanced	You can express yourself fluently and spontaneously. You can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.	C1
Proficiency	You can understand almost everything you hear or read. You can interact very fluently and precisely, even on very complex topics.	C2