

## DIPLOMAS IN SPANISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

This course is specially designed for preparing students for the internationally-recognised DELE exams.

These are official certificates accrediting the student's command of the Spanish language. The Instituto Cervantes awards them on behalf of the Spanish Ministry of Education, Social Policy and Sports.

We offer preparation courses for all levels. The courses consist of 25 lessons per week in a closed class which means that all the students in your class have the same objective: passing the exam.

There are preparation courses 3 times a year; they start 7 weeks (could be 6 in some cases) before the exam. Students can take the complete course (which is recommended) or just a part of it. You will improve your Spanish in every area of the language and will do a lot of practice with real exam papers.

### Why take the DELE exam?

It is the only official and internationally recognised Diploma in Spanish

- You will be officially accredited as competent in Spanish
  - It will further your career and will enhance your CV
  - It will help if you want to work and study in Spain and Latin America
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- There are three exam sessions per year: in May, August and November.
- The course has six levels:**
- Diploma de Español **Nivel A1 (Starter level)**: This qualification attests to sufficient linguistic ability for a very basic range of the most commonly simple expressions used in the Spanish-speaking world and in order to satisfy immediate needs of a concrete type.
  - Diploma de Español **Nivel A2 (Waystage or Elementary level)**: This qualification attests to sufficient linguistic ability for understanding a basic range of the commonly simple and immediate relevance of expressions used in the Spanish-speaking world (basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment).
  - Diploma de Español **Nivel B1 (Inicial / Beginner level)**: This qualification attests to sufficient linguistic ability for understanding and responding appropriately in most normal day-to-day situations and for expressing desires and needs in a basic way.
  - Diploma de Español **Nivel B2 (Intermedio / Intermediate level)**: This qualification validates sufficient linguistic ability to get by in average day-to-day situations in normal communication circumstances, which do not require specialized use of the language.
  - Diploma de español **Nivel C1**: At this level, users are expected to be able to use the structures of a language with ease and fluency. Users are able to adapt their language use to a variety of social situations, and express opinions and take part in discussions and arguments in a culturally acceptable way.
  - Diploma de Español **Nivel C2 (Superior / Proficiency level)**: This qualification accredits the necessary linguistic competence to integrate in situations requiring an advanced use of the language and knowledge of the cultural customs embedded within it.

## EXAMINATION CONTENTS

### Diploma de Español - Levels A1 and A2 (New!!!)

This accredits sufficient linguistic competence to engage in situations that require a basic level of communication. It has four parts.

- Reading comprehension (45 min)
- Aural comprehension (20 min)
- Writing (25 min)
- Conversation (10-15 min)

## Diploma de Español - Level B1

of the language. It has five parts.

- Reading comprehension (40 min)
- Aural comprehension (30 min)
- Speaking (10-15 min)
- Writing (25 min)
- Grammar and vocabulary test (40 min)

## Diploma de Español - Level B2

- Reading comprehension (60 min)
- Aural comprehension (30 min)
- Speaking (15 min)
- Writing (60 min)
- Grammar and vocabulary test (60 min)

## Diploma de Español - Levels C1 and C2

- Reading comprehension (60 min)
- Aural comprehension (45 min)
- Speaking (15 min)
- Writing (25 min)
- Grammar and vocabulary test (40 min)

To obtain a DELE Diploma, candidates must achieve a "pass" result on every section on the test.

## EXAMINATION AND ENROLMENT DATES 2011

### SPRING EXAMINATION SESSION 2011

- **Exam:** 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May
- **Registration:** from 21<sup>st</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011

### SUMMER EXAMINATION SESSION 2011

- **Exam:** 19<sup>th</sup> of August
- **Registration:** from 11<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011

### AUTUMN EXAMINATION SESSION 2011

- **Exam:** 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November
- **Registration:** from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE EXAM

When you enrol in our DELE course, we can process your registration for the exam. We will need the following documentation:

- Correctly completed enrolment form
- 2 Copies of identification document. The ID document must include a photograph

### How do I know in which level I should enrol?

When you come to start your DELE course we will test your level of Spanish and give you advice about which DELE exam you should take. If you're starting your DELE course once the registration date is closed (in this case we'll have to register you for a certain exam before you come) we will send you a level test that you'll have to complete and send back to us and you will also do an oral test over the phone.

## EXAMINATION FEES 2011

- **DIPLOMA DE ESPAÑOL A1:** NOT AVAILABLE IN 2011
- **DIPLOMA DE ESPAÑOL A2:** NOT AVAILABLE IN 2011
- **DIPLOMA DE ESPAÑOL B1 NIVEL INICIAL:** € 145
- **DIPLOMA DE ESPAÑOL B2 NIVEL INTERMEDIO:** € 167
- **DIPLOMA DE ESPAÑOL C1:** NOT AVAILABLE IN 2011
- **DIPLOMA DE ESPAÑOL C2 NIVEL SUPERIOR:** € 182

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

The results take around 10 weeks to be published, after they can be checked in:

**<http://diplomas.cervantes.es/candidatos/consulta.jsp>**

You will need your **enrolment number** and your **date of birth**.