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WHO WE ARE

SPANISH WORLD INSTITUTE (SWI) is a Spanish Language School in Colombia that provides overseas students with Spanish training regardless their linguistic level. We are an academic institution where student's exchange and interaction are the main tools to learn the new language and get a taste of Colombian culture.

Quality

Spanish World Institute aims to provide high quality and effective Spanish as a second language instruction and a deeper understanding of the Colombian culture, through cross-cultural education, personalized attention and dynamic teaching methods in a professional and friendly environment.

Culture

We facilitate a greater understanding among people of diverse cultural backgrounds and reveal the richness of South American culture, mainly Colombian.



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Why learning Spanish?





Adventure: Learning Spanish can be an exciting adventure. It allows you to explore a new world of words, expressions, and idioms while connecting with people from different backgrounds.

Career opportunities: Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world by native speakers. Knowing Spanish can enhance your career prospects, especially if you work in fields like international business, tourism, healthcare, education, or government.

Bilingualism: Being bilingual has cognitive and social benefits. It can improve multitasking abilities, delay cognitive ageing, and make you a more attractive candidate in the job market.

Global Perspective: Spanish-speaking countries are diverse in terms of culture, history, and geography. Learning Spanish can help you gain a broader understanding of the world and different perspectives.

Personal Growth: Learning a new language is a mentally stimulating activity that can enhance cognitive skills like problem-solving and memory. It can also boost selfconfidence and adaptability.

Cultural Enrichment: Learning Spanish provides access to a rich tapestry of literature, art, music, and film from Spanish-speaking countries. You can enjoy the works of renowned authors like Gabriel García Márquez or delve into the vibrant world of Latin American music and dance.

COLOMBIA

THE SECOND MOST DIVERSE COUNTRY OF THE WORLD

Colombia's beauty is a harmonious blend of captivating landscapes, from its pristine coastal beaches to the lush rainforests of the Amazon basin and the majestic Andes Mountains. Its unparalleled biodiversity, vibrant cultural heritage, and welcoming people create a tapestry of experiences for travelers. From the charming colonial architecture of cities like Cartagena and Bogotá to the tantalizing flavors of its cuisine, Colombia offers a sensory feast. The country's coffee culture, with its aromatic plantations in the Coffee Triangle, adds to its allure. With diverse climates, natural wonders like the Cano Cristales River, and thrilling adventure opportunities, Colombia's multifaceted beauty beckons explorers to immerse themselves in its enchanting charm.









WHY WOULD YOU CHOOSE US?

- We help you to set your goals and give you constant advice in your learning process.
- Weekly activities
- When you take a Spanish course in Colombia with us we ensure that your learning process will be in a dynamic, professional and especially friendly way
- We offer 4 levels of teaching: beginners, elementary, intermediate and advanced, plus a DELE exam preparation.

- We provide all students with 24 hours available phone number to call in case of emergency.
- We have a storage room where students can leave their luggage safely when they go travelling.
- We provide lodging with Colombian families or in shared flats with locals as well as in small hotels and bed and breakfast, offering further opportunity to practice Spanish in a friendly environment.

- We also have a library where students can borrow literature books, movies and videos about Colombia and Latin America for a maximum of eight days.
- Our intensive courses are approved by the German Bildungsurlaub (an educational program for professional and political education offered by several German federal states to employees working in Germany).





OPEN YOUR DOORS TO A NEW WORLD BY LEARNING SPANISH AT OUR SCHOOL IN BOGOTÁ



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Bildungsurlaub

What is Bildungsurlaub?

Bildungsurlaub (educational leave) is an educational program for professional or political education offered by several German federal states to employees working in Germany





For Who?

The employees working in these German federal states (Berlin, Rheinland-Pfalz, Niedersachsen (Hannover), Hessen, Brandenburg, Hamburgo, SchleswigHolstein) have the right to take one or two paid weeks a year for training in a school certified by the governments of Germany's federal states. It is part of the right for annual training and for that reason these days are not considered vacation. Schools certified by Bildungsurlaub guarantee the quality of service and lodging.

What type of courses?

For Spanish World Institute it is an important achievement to receive the official Bildungsurlaub recognition in Germany. Our intensive courses (min. 30 lessons) are certified by "Bildungsurlaub". We offer intensive courses both in general Spanish for different levels and Spanish for specific purposes: Spanish plus business, D.E.L.E. preparation, and Colombian culture. These intensive courses, which last one week, combine the learning of this foreign language with cultural, social, political and historical topics about Colombia and Latin America.

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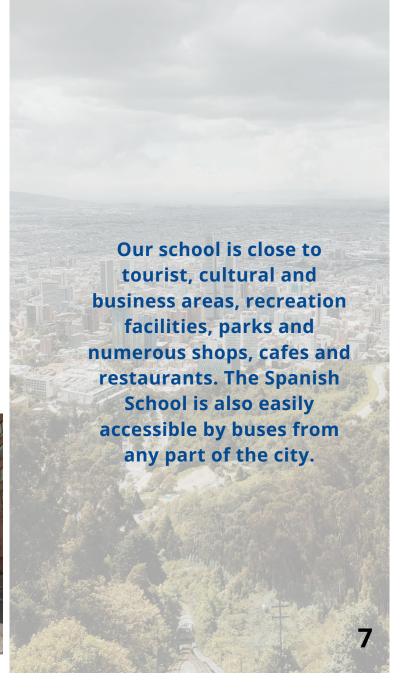
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School Location

Spanish World Institute is located in Chapinero Alto, a beautiful residential part of Bogotá in Colombia. It is in a Colonial house specially refurbished to provide a suitable academic environment without losing its originality and style.









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Our Courses

- General Spanish (15, 20, 30 lessons per week)
- Online Lessons
- Business Spanish
- One-to -One Tuition
- D.E.L.E Preparation
- Spanish + Colombian Culture
- Spanish +Salsa
- Lessons Spanish + Excursions





Our Spanish courses offer a structured and diverse range of options for individuals seeking to learn the Spanish language. Whether you're a beginner or looking to improve your existing skills, there's likely a course suitable for your needs, helping you to communicate effectively and appreciate the richness of Spanish-speaking cultures.

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GENERAL SPANISH

- Study for: 15, 20, or 30 lessons per week
- Group Size: Minimum 2/Maximum 8
- Start date: Any Monday (except Bank Holidays)
- Course Length: Flexible, minimum 1 week Minimum
- Age: 17 Ideal course for: All -Students, Professionals

Course description

Course Description The General Spanish classes concentrate on improving every aspect of the language. This course is focused on developing the communicative skills: listening, spoken interaction and production, writing, grammar, vocabulary, reading and pronunciation.



SPANISH+ BUSINESS

- Study Business Spanish only for: 15 lessons per week (only afternoon)
- Study Business + General Spanish for: 30 lessons per week (20 lessons general Spanish + 10 lessons business Spanish).
- Group Size: Minimum 2 / Maximum
- Start Date: Any Monday (except Bank Holidays)
- Course Length: Flexible, minimum 1 week Minimum
- Age: 20
- Ideal course for: Professionals. **Business students**

Course description

This course is ideal for people who study business or work in a job that require a good level of Spanish.

SPANISH + BUSINESS is an intensive course (BS30) which can be taught in group or private depending on the number of students enrolled. In the morning the students develop general skills, while in the afternoon they focus on Spanish for business. The course develops negotiation workshops, case studies and role plays in marketing, finances, and general management. This program aims to develop those communicative skills needed in the business world.

ONE-TO-ONE TUITION

- Study for: Flexible lessons but usually 5, 10 or 20 lessons per week
- Group Size: 1 Start Date: Any week day (except Bank Holidays)
- Course Length: Flexible, minimum 1 hour
- Minimum Age: 17 • Ideal course for: All -Professionals, Business students

Course description

Offered from beginners to advance these classes are taught according to the students requirements. Our one-to-one courses can help you with any area of the Spanish language that you would like to improve.

Our one-to-one Spanish lessons provides you with and individual course which responds to your unique language needs. The course includes a complete needs analysis and a program of work, agreed on by the teacher and the student and specialized individual study plan will be prepared.



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D.E.L.E. **PREPARATION**

- Study D.E.L.E. only for: 15 lessons per week
- Study D.E.L.E. plus General Spanish for: 30 lessons per week (20 lessons general Spanish + 10 lessons D.E.L.E preparation)
- Group Size: Minimum 2/
- Maximum 8 Start Date: Any Monday (except Bank Holidays)
- Course Length: Flexible, minimum 1 week Minimum Age: 17 Ideal course for: University students, professionals

Course description

This course is aimed to prepare those students interested in taking the DELE exam in any of its three levels. This course is focus on general Spanish classes in the mornings and D.E.L.E. preparation in the afternoon. D.E.L.E. PREPARATION In class you will concentrate on practice tests-taking techniques, exam strategy for the independent and integrated tasks in the following parts of the exam: Written production, reading comprehension, listening comprehension and oral production.







SPANISH + COLOMBIAN CULTURE

• Study for: 30 lessons per week (20 lessons of general Spanish + 10 lessons of Colombian culture classes). Group Size: Minimum 2/ Maximum 8 Start Date: Any Monday (except Bank Holidays) Course Length: Flexible, minimum 1 week Minimum Age: 17 Ideal course for: All

Course description

Morning classes concentrate on improving Spanish language by working on the skills Speaking, Writing, Listening, Reading Comprehension or Grammar focusing in the classroom on using language in real situations; in the afternoon the classes are focused on the Colombian customs and culture.

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SPANISH + EXCURSIONS

- Study General Spanish for: 20 lessons of general Spanish + 3 afternoon excursions per week.
- Group Size: Minimum 2/Maximum 8
- Start Date: Any Monday (except Bank Holidays)
- Course Length: Flexible, minimum 1 week Minimum
- Age: 17

Course description

This classes give you extra practice to help you to learn to use the new grammar and vocabulary you have gained. Your Teacher will provide error correction to help you meet your learning goals.





SPANISH + SALSA LESSONS

- Study General Spanish for: 26 lessons per week (20 lessons of general Spanish + 6 salsa lessons).
- Group Size: Minimum 2 / Maximum 8
- Start Date: Any Monday (except Bank Holidays)
- Course Length: Flexible, minimum 1 week Minimum
- Age: 17

Course description

This course is based on general Spanish in the morning and salsa lessons in the afternoon. The salsa dance class Syllabus is very carefully constructed to give you a complete learning tool of different steps and its

variations.



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Bogotá





- High Altitude: Bogotá is one of the highest capital cities in the world, situated at an altitude of approximately 2,640 meters (8,660 feet) above sea level in the Andean region.
- Largest City in Colombia: With a population of over 7 million people, Bogotá is not only the capital but also the largest city in Colombia.

Currency

The currency used in Bogotá is the peso (Col\$). The notes come in denominations of 2,000, 5,000, 10,000, 20,000, 50,000 and 100.000 pesos and the coins in use are 50, 100, 200, 500, and 1000 pesos. You should also be aware of fake notes as they are rampant in the city but the good news is that they are pretty easy to recognize as they are generally made of a much poorer quality than the genuine article.

- Electricity in Colombia operates at 110 volts and plugs are the flat two-pin US type. Time Zone Bogotá uses Eastern Standard Time which is five hours behind Greenwich Mean Time.
- The climate in Colombia is extremely variable and in Bogotá which is 2,600 metres above sea level the situation is the same. Overall, it is much cooler than the Eastern plains and December, January and February are usually the driest months. The average temperature for every month of the year is 58 F (14C) but it can reach 80F (27C) in the shade on the hotter days and at night it can cool down to as low as 38F (3C). It also rains quite a lot but this is usually confined to the months between March and November where rain and hail storms can be very heavy..



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VISA REQUIREMENTS

Students coming from the following countries do not require visitor visa to enter to Colombia if they are planning to study for less than two (2) months. However once they have arrived in the country they have to ask for the "Leave to remain permit"

Germany. Andorra, Antigua y Barbuda, Australia.

Austria

Korea, Liechtenstein,

Slovakia.

United States,

Philippines,

Bahamas. Lithuania, Luxemburg,

Barbados, Malaysia, Belgium, Malta, Belize, Monaco, Brazil, Norway, Canada, New Zealand. Croatia, Netherlands, Cyprus, Portugal,

Denmark, United Kingdom and North Ireland,

Dominica, Czech Republic. Finland,

Rumania, France Saint Kitts y Nevis, Greece, San Marino. Guyana Santa Lucia,

Hungary San Vicente y The Grenadines,

Indonesia, Singapore, Iceland, Sweden, Israel, Switzerland, Italia Trinidad y Tobago Jamaica

Turkey. Japan

The student must provide the following documents:

- "Request of visa" form completed and signed by the applicant.
- Passport in good condition, with at least 2 blank pages.
- Three (3) color photographs, front view, white background 3X3 cms. S
- Copy of the passport page where appear the full name, date and place of birth of the holder, and the page containing the latest Colombian visa if any, and last entry stamp or exit of Colombia, according to the case.
- Copy of resolution of legal recognition of the Spanish School. Documents showing the financial solvency of the applicant to remain in the territory.
- Copy of certificate of admission or enrollment of the Spanish School and receipt payment of the school fees.

Overseas students have to provide the Spanish School acceptance letter to the immigration officers upon arrival. Students might be asked for a return ticket in order to be given the leave to remain permit.

It is advisable that the students have a medical certificate in case the immigration authorities or the Colombian embassy, ask for it. Once the students enter the country (regardless the required visa or not) they have 15 days to register it at the "Unidad Administrativa Especial Migración Colombia".

Please note that a student visa does not authorized holders to carry other activities into Colombia like working or investing. To do so the person needs to ask for the respective visa.



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Accomodation

The Spanish World Institute offers students the choice of living independently or with peers while sharing amenities. We take great care in selecting accommodations, including host families and guest houses. Students receive prearrival information about their chosen accommodation, facilitating a smooth transition. We advise students to confirm their housing arrangements well in advance of their arrival in Bogotá.



GUEST HOUSE

Spanish World Institute offers the option of living alone or with other students and share common amenities. This type of self-catering accommodation involves sharing a house and amenities. Some of the rooms are single but there is the possibility to share a room with other students.



Host family

The students have the opportunity to live with Colombian host families, where they can not only practice the Spanish language in a real context but will also have the chance to taste the Colombian culture. Students can be provided with two meals per day (breakfast and dinner), only breakfast. Meal times with the host family are valuable opportunities for students to practice Spanish.



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"Book your course with Spanish World Institute and make maximum progress in Spanish during an unforgettable stay in Bogotá"

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General Spanish courses will start every Monday. Minimum period of enrolment is 1 week

The school is open from 2 January 2025 - 27 December 2025

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