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## DON QUIJOTE – PUERTO DE LA CRUZ, SPAIN

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

**Don Quijote** was established in 1986 with a the primary aim to teach Spanish as effectively and pleasantly as possible to students from all over the world. Students come from all over Europe and countries such as the United States, Russia, Canada, and Japan.

Each Don Quijote school has a central meeting area, a living room for reading and watching TV, and self-study facilities with computers, e-mail and internet access and a wide variety of books. All Don Quijote teachers are native speakers with wide experience teaching their language to foreigners and have university degrees.

**Puerto de la Cruz** is located on the Canary Island of Tenerife. The island is the largest of the archipelago at 2,053 square kilometers with a large variety of plant life, black and gold beaches and an extensive chain of mountains. Tenerife is known as the island of eternal spring because of its peerless climate, but it is also full of huge climatic contrasts and biodiversity.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Don Quijote uses the interactive method of teaching based on learning by practice. This means that grammar is covered, but as much as possible taught using practical situations. Use of overhead projectors, video and other audiovisual materials complement the interactive method. Each lesson is 50 minutes.

**Intensive Course & Superintensive Course** 20 OR 30 hours per week. Lessons are taught for 4 or 6 hours daily. Subjects covered in these courses depend on the language level and include everyday situations, vocabulary and idiomatic expressions, styles of language use, grammar, and cultural factors. In addition, one extra class per day on special topics is included in the cost, like Gastronomy, Spanish history, etc.

**Teacher Refresher Course** 2 weeks, 20 hours per week. Don Quijote offers a 'Curso de Repaso' for teachers of Spanish. The main purpose of this 2 week course is to support teachers of Spanish by bringing their theoretical knowledge and their teaching methods up to date. Emphasis is to revitalize linguistic and didactic abilities and refreshment of social-economic and political-cultural knowledge of Spain.

**Special Flight Crew Course** in Madrid Only 2 weeks, 30 hours per week. Elementary Level Required. Don Quijote has developed a course for airline cabin crew use. Emphasis is on improvement of communications skills such as aeronautical, meteorological, security/emergency vocabulary. A lot of attention is also given to forms of courtesy. This 2 week course consists of 4 hours general Spanish and 2 hours of specialization per day.

**Christmas Course** Puerto de la Cruz Only 2 weeks, 16 hours per week. The 2 week course includes 16 hours per week of Spanish language classes in a group of no more than 8 students, plus a wide range of fun activities including Christmas dinner and a New Year's Eve party.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**Homestays** The homestay option includes a single room with breakfast daily. 2 meals daily is at additional cost.

**Student Apartments** Share an apartment with 4 or 5 other Don Quijote students. Apartments have all the basic amenities. Each student has their own room. The apartments are cleaned weekly.

**Student Residence-Granada** Only The residence in Granada is a restored hotel with a terrace. A single room is included. The residence has a kitchen, dining room, two living rooms with a TV, video and stereo. All common rooms are cleaned weekly.

Hotels are available on request and at additional cost.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Weekly activities are scheduled at no additional cost. These activities include: sports; Spanish song and dance lessons; guided town tours; and lectures, videos, and films. Various excursions to places of interest are available at extra cost.

### TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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# Programs & Activities - Puerto de la Cruz, Spain

## Programs

The interactive method of teaching based on learning by practice is applied at the school. This means that grammar is covered, but as much as possible taught using practical situations. Speaking and actively using the language is central to the continuous interaction between teacher and student. The school has refined the communicative teaching method continuously through years of experience and constantly evaluating and applying student suggestions.

Use of overhead projectors, video and other audiovisual materials complement the interactive method. Films and documentaries will also be screened, songs played and menus read. In addition, students will give talks and take part in role-play situations.

A successful implementation of the interactive method depends completely on the personal attention the teacher is able to give the student. A group never consists of more than 8 students. The makeup of the group is determined according to the student's abilities - ascertained from placement test results.

On the first Monday students are expected at school at 8.00 in the morning. Beginner level students start the lessons immediately. Students at higher Spanish levels will take an oral and written level test first in order to be classified at the right learning level. The lessons then start immediately afterwards.

Throughout the course, students will receive the didactic and study materials needed. The study materials have a support function and a large part is presented in the form of practical activities and exercises to facilitate understanding and speaking. Individual study outside of class is expected and should take about 1 hour daily. All lessons have a duration of 50 minutes each.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



**Intensive Course** 20 hours per week. Lessons are taught Monday through Friday for 4 hours daily. The lesson schedule will either be in the morning 9:00-13:00(1:00PM) and/or in the afternoon 15:00(3:00PM)-19:00(7:00PM) depending on the number of groups. Schedules will be assigned upon the first day of class.

Subjects covered in the course depends on the language level and include:

- Everyday situations such as meeting people, telephone conversations, etc.
- Vocabulary and idiomatic expressions
- Styles of language use
- Grammar: forming words, sentence structure, spelling and word sounds
- Cultural Factors: meaning of words in different contexts, gestures and body language, intonation, etc.

In addition, one extra class per day on special topics is included in the cost. Topics include Gastronomy, Spanish history, Spanish Lifestyles, etc. These classes are optional and taught in Spanish.

**Superintensive Course** 30 hours per week. Classes are taught Monday through Friday for 6 hours daily. The lesson schedule will either be in the morning and/or in the afternoon depending on the number of groups. Schedules will be assigned upon the first day of class.



## Programs

Intensive Course  
Superintensive Course  
Teacher Refresher  
Course

Admissions &  
Academic Credit  
Certificates & Exams

## Activities

Free Activities and  
Excursions

## Comments

*"The local life- hanging out at the beach, eating tapas and paellas, and taking siestas!"*

Aerobic Instructor, Walnut  
Creek, CA

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Course content includes:

- \* Didactic methods: 10 hours
- \* Grammar: 8 hours
- \* Workshops: 2 hours
- \* Observing classes within don Quijote: 4 hours
- \* Current social-economic subjects, communication: 6 hours
- \* Teaching of the Spanish language and new techniques: 2 hours
- \* Visit to monuments and historic buildings: 4 hours
- \* Extracurricular activities: 4 hours

This course meets the requirements for a LINGUA grant which teachers of Spanish within the European Community can take advantage of.

### ***Day - At - A - Glance***

#### **Morning Schedule**

9:00-10:45 Class  
10:45-11:15 Break  
11:15-13:00 Class

#### **Afternoon Schedule**

15:00-16:45 Class  
16:45-17:15 Break  
17:15-19:00 Class

\* Day-At-A-Glance is a sample day and will vary depending on enrollment, time of year, lodging, etc. It is designed to show content rather than precise scheduling

### **Admissions & Academic Credit**

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.



Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. schools consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For more information about academic credit in Spanish speaking countries, [please click here](#).

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

### Certificates & Exams

1. At the end of their course, each student receives a school certificate of participation noting that he/she has taken part in at least 90% of the lessons. The following will be recorded on the certificate:

- The course attended
- The length of the course
- The subjects taken
- The goals and level of Spanish where the student has been classified
- The number of hours the student was present in class.

If the student takes the internal examination at the end of the course then the level he/she has reached will be shown in the form of a grade.

2. The school offers a preparation course for the DELE Exam. The exam is officially recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science. Three levels are available:

- Certificado Inicial de Español (C.I.E.)
  - ◇ Start in May and November: 3 weeks before examination date
- Diploma Básico de Español (D.B.E.)
  - ◇ Start in May and November: 2, 3 or 4 weeks before examination date
- Diploma Superior de Español (D.S.E.)
  - ◇ Start in May: 4 weeks before examination date

This course is at additional cost. Please contact NRCSA for more details.

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# ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE\***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000    SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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