



CIEE Alicante, Spain

Course title:	Intermediate Oral Communication in Spanish
Course code:	SPAN 2002 ALIL
Programs offering course:	Alicante ISL Summer
Language of instruction:	Spanish
U.S. semester credits:	3
Contact hours:	45
Term:	Summer 2020

Course Description

In this course students apply the necessary tools in order to develop the two oral skills of language: oral comprehension as well as oral production. Students will apply these skills to understand a variety of listening samples included in the textbook and also news videos and fiction programs. The teaching methodology draws from contemporary communicative approaches.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Comprehend diverse materials for practical information in predictable contexts.
- Understand longer audios for general ideas.
- Produce short conversations about everyday topics.

Course Prerequisites

None.

Methods of Instruction

The class will favor a communicative approach so that students can improve all four skills: oral comprehension, reading comprehension, oral production and writing production. A balanced setting of all four skills will provide the student with the necessary tools to improve both in and outside of class. For that purpose, materials have been carefully selected to help the student on a daily basis.

Assessment and Final Grade



1.	Midterm	20%
2.	Final Exam	30%
3.	Oral Presentation 1	20%
4.	Oral Presentation 2	2%
5.	Class Participation	10%
	TOTAL	82%

Course Requirements

Midterm

This exam will include sections on listening comprehension and an interview with your instructor. Each of the sections will have the same weight on the final grade.

Final Exam

This exam will be based on all the contents seen in class from the very beginning (also those included in the midterm exam). It will have the same format as the Midterm exam. Each of the sections will have the same weight towards the final grade.

Oral Presentation 1

There will be two oral presentations. Topics and grading criteria will be announced in class by the instructor.

Oral Presentation 2

Class Participation

Active participation is essential and will be a fundamental part of the final grade.

CIEE ACADEMIC POLICIES

Papers and assignments submission

According to CIEE Alicante academic norms all assignments, paper, readings, etc. must be turned in on the due date. Late submissions of coursework/assignments during the course of the term of study are not accepted.



If an exception is granted by the Academic Director, the new deadline for the assignment will be set for the next earliest possible date for the student for reasonably submit the assignment.

Plagiarism

Cheating and plagiarism in any course assignment may result in failing the course or being expelled from the program. Students are expected to adhere to the US American and norms.

Important principles:

1. Final examinations, quizzes and other tests must be done without assistance from other person, without looking at or otherwise consulting the work of another person, and without access to notes, books, or other pertinent information (unless the professor has explicitly announced that a particular test is to be taken on an “open book” basis).
2. The same written paper may not be submitted in more than one course.
3. Any use of the work of another person must be documented in any written papers, oral presentations, or other assignments carried out in connection with the course

Add/Drop

The add/drop period last for 1 week after the start of the courses. After the end of the add/drop period, the student’s registration is considered final, and no course(s) may be changed or deleted from the student’s CIEE Academic Record.

Withdrawal from a course

Students are required to register in 5 courses during their studies at CIEE Alicante. Each CIEE course is worth 3 credits (45 contact hours) and each Universidad de Alicante course is worth 4 credits (60h - unless the course has more than 60h of instruction). If exceptional circumstances warrant, the student may request permission from the Center Director to withdraw from a course. However, a student participating in a semester program is not allowed to drop below 12 US semester credits.



Attendance

Regular class attendance is required throughout the program. Students must notify (via e-mail with a copy to the Resident Director or Program Coordinator) their instructor beforehand if they will miss class for any reason. Students are responsible for any materials covered in class during their absence. Students who miss class for medical reasons must inform the professor and the RD or PC and provide appropriate documentation.

For CIEE courses, excessively tardy (over 15 minutes late) students will be marked absent (student will be reminded of the policy). Attendance policies also apply to any required co-curricular class excursion or events, etc. Students who miss class for personal travel will be marked as absent and unexcused.

An absence in a CIEE course will be only considered excused if:

1. A doctor's note is provided. The UA medical center does not generally provide class absence notes. In the case a doctor's absence note is extremely necessary, students will need to go to the Vithas International Hospital to be examined.
2. A CIEE staff member verifies that the student was too ill to attend class
3. Evidence is provided of a family emergency

Persistent absenteeism (students exceeding 10% of the total course hours missed, or violations of the attendance policy in more than one class) will lead to a written warning from the RD, notification to the home school, and/or dismissal from the program in addition to reductions in class grade(s).

1. Since each CIEE Alicante course is 45 hours, 10% of the total course hours are 4.5 hours.
2. Students who miss more than 4.5 hours of class without justification will see their final grade reduced by -5%. For instance, students achieving a grade of 89.00 out of 100 points and missing more than 4.5 hours of class will see their grade reduced from 89.00 (B+) to 84.00 (B).

Students with unexcused absences exceeding 20% of the total course hours will fail the course. Written warnings and home school notifications will happen well before the



absenteeism causes the student to fail the course so that the student has an opportunity for corrective actions.

Likewise, if any CIEE group organized activity/informational session (e.g. Intercultural development sessions) is scheduled during class hours, attendance to this activity or session is also mandatory for all students enrolled in courses that meet during that block of time. Not attending these CIEE group organized activities/sessions during regular class hours will result in an absence.

Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, or local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Class 1.1 Introduction to the course

Syllabus explanation

Week 2

Class 2.1 .

Reading: Aula 3, Unit 1: Volver a empezar

Talk about habits in present tense

Tell past events

To narrate previous experiences

Class 2.2 .

To discuss about the beginning and the duration of an action

To locate an action in time

Work Vocabulary

Identify an action at a certain time

Assignment 1: Discovering downtown

Week 3

Class 3.1 .

Reading: Aula 3, Unit 2: Antes y ahora

Talk about habits and circumstances in the past

Past and present situations

Class 3.2 .

To argue and debate

Travel Vocabulary

Historical Periods Vocabulary

Life Stages Vocabulary

Assignment 2: Santa Bárbara Castle fieldtrip

Week 4

Class 4.1 .

Reading: Aula 3, Unit 3: Prohibido prohibir

To express prohibition

To express obligation

Class 4.2 .

To express impersonality

To talk about habits



Social Habits Vocabulary

Work and School Vocabulary

Assignment 3: Old District fieldtrip

Week 5

Class 5.1 Review

Class 5.2 Midterm Exam

Week 6

Class 6.1 .

Reading: Aula 3, Unit 4: Busque y compare

To recommend and advice

To give instructions

Class 6.2 Oral Presentation 1

Week 7

Class 7.1 .

Describe and advertisement

Publicity Vocabulary: values, supports and elements of an advertisement

Household Vocabulary

Class 7.2 .

Reading: Aula 3, Unit 5: Momentos especiales



To narrate the past

To sequence actions

To express feelings

Historical Facts Vocabulary

Feelings Vocabulary

Week 8

Class 8.1 Oral Presentation 2

Review

Class 8.2 Final Exam

Course Materials

Readings

Corpas, J., Garmendia, A., Soriano, C. Aula 3. Difusión. Barcelona: 2015

Online Resources

aula.difusion.com