Valencia Semester Program – AIP
COURSE OFFERINGS & EQUIVALENTS

The University at Albany's semester-length option at the AIP Language Institute in Valencia offers courses designed specifically for our students. This program is designed for students at the beginning through lower-intermediate level in Spanish (SPN 100-104 at UAlbany). Total beginners in Spanish are welcome. Classes are taught at the AIP Language Institute and enrollment is limited to participants on the UAlbany program. This allows classes to remain small in order to encourage open discussions and provide opportunities for individual assistance.

The Spanish language courses offered are meant to give students an intensive course in Spanish language, including grammar, composition and conversation. The AIP Language Institute is affiliated with the *Instituto Cervantes* (Cervantes Institute) which establishes official qualifications certifying levels of competence in the Spanish language, as recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sport.

We assume most participants with **beginning** or **intermediate** language skills have had limited opportunities to study Spanish culture, literature, or history. Therefore, in addition to the required language course, students choose at least two 'optional' courses intended to give students an overview about Spain, with the hope that they will be better able to understand the culture in which they are living. These courses are taught in English, with the exception of the Spanish literature course that is also offered in Spanish for students with at least intermediate level proficiency in Spanish.

Various departments on the Albany campus have determined the following equivalents for **UAlbany** students on this program. These equivalents will be automatically assigned for UAlbany students; no pre-approval form is required. Since it is possible for courses to have more than one equivalent if the subject matter overlaps several disciplines, students may ask their academic advisers to consider different equivalents based on the syllabi they submit along with such requests.

Non-UAlbany students must ask their own academic advisors at their home campus for a determination of the level of credits/equivalents they will receive. **Any courses not assigned a specific equivalent will count as general elective credits for all SUNY students.** Non-SUNY students must get permission from their home campus to transfer in all courses. We strongly recommend that all students keep a copy of all course descriptions and/or syllabi.

UAlbany students: At UAlbany, 3 credits of coursework taught in English may be used in the Spanish major or minor. (per M. Westmoreland, 4/05 and 12/09)

Some courses are available during both the fall and spring semesters. Each semester the same subject areas are covered; however, the specific topics vary.

Course Title	**Credits**	**UALBANY Equivalent ***
Required Spanish language course: placement exam upon arrival in Valencia will determine level. Any level satisfies UAlbany's Foreign Language Gen. Ed. Requirement		
Cervantes Institute Level A1	6	**ASPN 100 or ASPN 000** (cannot count towards SPN minor or major)
Cervantes Institute Level A2	6	**ASPN 101*** (can count towards SPN minor, but not major)
Cervantes Institute Level B1	6	**ASPN 103*** (can count towards SPN minor, but not major)

Cervantes Institute Level B2	6	**ASPN 103*** (can count towards SPN minor, but not major)
Cervantes Institute Level C1	6	**ASPN 206**** (can count towards SPN major or minor)
Cervantes Institute Level C2	6	**ASPN 030**** (can count towards SPN major or minor)

** For UAlbany students who have already taken this specific course, an equivalent of ASPN 010 will be assigned instead, denoting a lower-level Spanish elective.*
*** For UAlbany students who have already taken this specific course, an equivalent of ASPN 030 will be assigned instead, denoting a Spanish elective acceptable for both the Spanish major and Spanish minor.*

Optional courses: you must choose at least 2

Spanish Literature (in **English**) (*Fall & Spring*)	3	ASPN 010 - can count towards SPN major/minor (satisfies Humanities of Albany's Gen. Eds.)
Spanish Literature (in **Spanish**) (*Fall & Spring*)	3	ASPN 223 (satisfies Humanities of Albany's Gen. Eds.)
Intro to Spanish Art (*Fall & Spring*)	3	ASPN 010 (satisfies Art AND Europe of Albany's Gen. Eds.)
European Union Economics (*Fall only*)	3	ECO 030 (satisfies Europe AND Global/Cross-Cultural Studies of Albany's Gen. Eds.)
History of Spain (*Fall & Spring*)	3	HIS 391 (satisfies Europe of Albany's Gen. Eds.)
Tourism & International Marketing (*Fall only*)	3	satisfies Global/Cross-Cultural Studies of Albany's Gen. Eds.
Spanish Cinema (*Fall & Spring*)	3	ASPN 010 (satisfies Art OR Humanities of Albany's Gen. Eds.)
European Financial Markets (*Spring only*)	3	ECO 030 (satisfies Europe AND Global/Cross-Cultural Studies of Albany's Gen. Eds.)
Spain: A Cultural Study (*Fall & Spring*)	3	ASPN 010 (satisfies Europe of Albany's Gen Eds.)

Again, students from other campuses must ask their own school for a determination of the level/equivalents of credits earned from study abroad.