

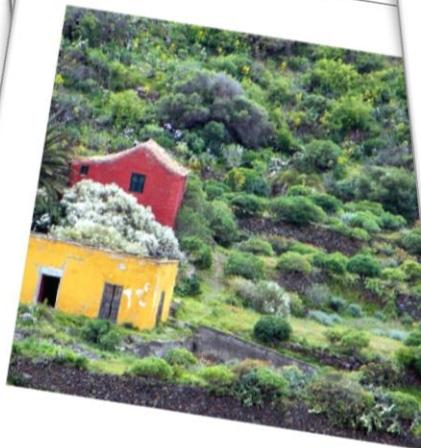
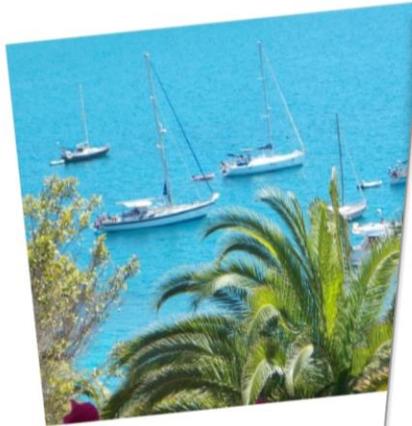
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# Gran Canaria

school of languages

## Spanish courses



54 years  
1964-2018

Brochure  
2018

# WELCOME

The GRAN CANARIA SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES offers intensive Spanish courses to foreign students since 1964.

Our Spanish courses are offered all year round in six levels and are aimed to adults who are either having their first contact with the Spanish language or to those who wish to improve their knowledge.

Our intensive Spanish courses are given in groups and in private or semiprivate lessons. Courses in Spanish for specific purposes are also available. Private tuition is also available on Skype.

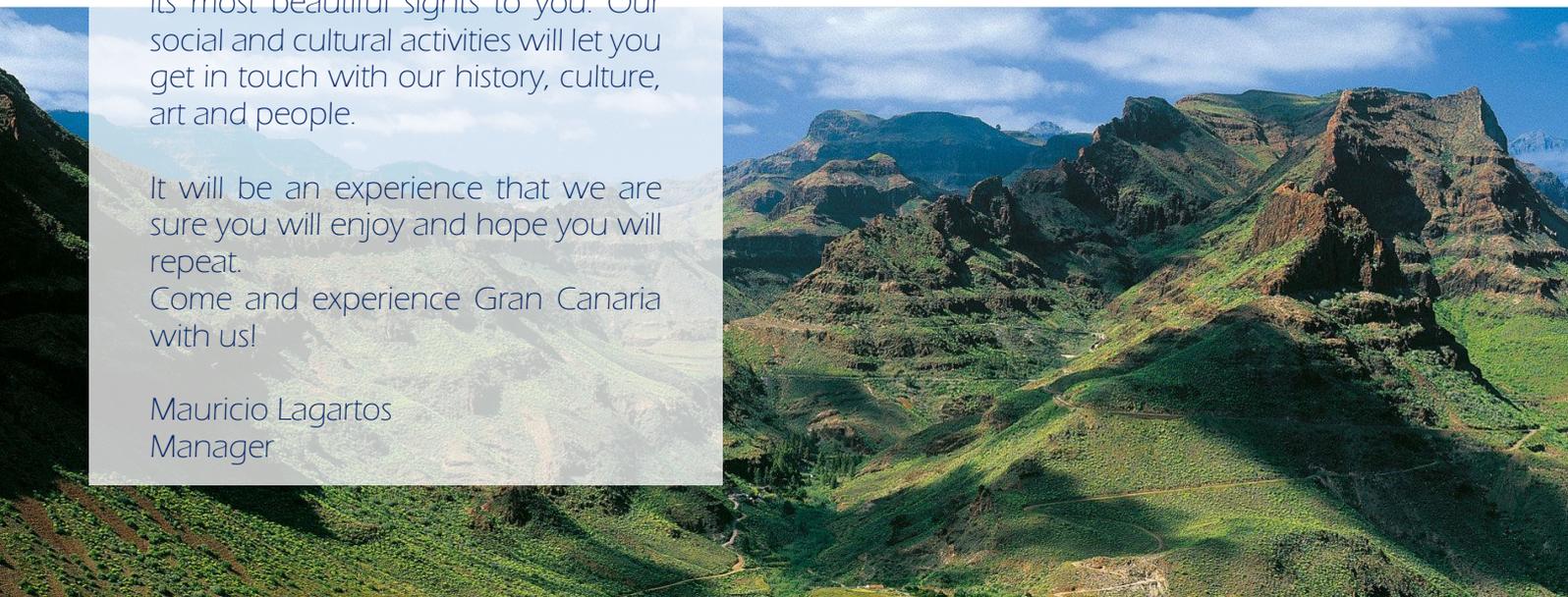
At the Gran Canaria School of Languages you will find the Spanish course you need, whether general or for specific purposes, and we will introduce you to the Spanish and local culture. Our highly qualified and long experienced teachers will make your study of the Spanish language an easy fun trip. Our mild climate will pamper you on our beaches of golden sand, and the island will reveal its most beautiful sights to you. Our social and cultural activities will let you get in touch with our history, culture, art and people.

It will be an experience that we are sure you will enjoy and hope you will repeat. Come and experience Gran Canaria with us!

Mauricio Lagartos  
Manager

# GRAN CANARIA

APRENDE ESPAÑOL  
Learn Spanish



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# About us



**Gran Canaria School of Languages** has specialized in teaching of Spanish as a foreign language to foreigners since 1964. During these years many students have expanded the reputation of the school worldwide. The teachers are highly qualified and have a long experience in the field of teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

In 1994 the school was officially congratulated for its 30th anniversary by the Canary Islands Government through the Tourist Board of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria as well as by the City Council through its Tourism Department for its many years of fruitful activity.

In 2014 the congratulations to Gran Canaria School for its 50th anniversary were renewed.



**Gran Canaria School of Languages** is a member of FECEI, the Spanish Federation of Language Teaching Centres.

In 2001 it was awarded by the CIT (Centre for Initiatives and Tourism) of Gran Canaria the recognition of Recommended Business for its excellent pedagogical labour in the teaching of Spanish to foreign students, and for its student accommodation quality.



**Bildungsurlaub  
Hamburg  
Hessen**



**Gran Canaria School of Languages** is recognised since 1986 by the German Länder of Hamburg, Hessen and others as a collaborator in teaching Spanish (Bildungsurlaub) for professional training.



**F.I.D.E.S.C.U.**

FUNDACIÓN PARA LA INVESTIGACIÓN  
Y DESARROLLO DE LA CULTURA ESPAÑOLA

The **Gran Canaria School of Languages** is the only authorised center for the DIE (Diploma Internacional de Español) examinations in Las Palmas.

The International Diploma of Spanish is recognised by the Courses of Spanish Language and Culture of the Universidad Pontificia of Salamanca.



SERVICIO  
INTERNACIONAL  
DE EVALUACIÓN  
DE LA LENGUA  
ESPAÑOLA

**CENTRO DE EXAMEN AUTORIZADO**

**Gran Canaria School of Languages** is an authorized centre for SIELE exams.

# Our guarantees

Your satisfaction and well-being is very important to us. Therefore, we guarantee our services and the quality of our programs in order for you to exceed your expectations.

## No registration fees

The school does not charge any registration or booking fees for courses or accommodation.

## All Spanish levels throughout the year

The school stays open all 12 months of the year.

We run our Spanish courses in six levels all year round.

## 20 hours/week

Levels taught in groups of max. 12 participants:

A1, A2, B1, B2, C1.

All groups will have 20 hours of tuition per week regardless of the number of participants.

## All classes are made up

The school only closes on bank holidays. All classes pertaining to those days are made up during the same week.

## Any course as of 1 week

Any course may be booked as of one week and for as many weeks as desired.

## Food preferences are respected

When booking our half board, your meal preferences will be respected: vegetarian, celiac, allergic to lactose, etc.

## Qualified and experienced teachers

All our teachers are native speakers. They hold a university degree in Spanish philology or linguistics and have long experience in teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

## Online learning

Try our online course of levels A1 and A2 before you arrive and after you leave. This will help you maintain and enhance your Spanish level after you return home.

Access to our online course is free for all students staying at our residence halls.

## Accommodation near school

Stay at our residence halls and reach the school in 15 minutes or less by foot along the beach promenade. No public transport needed, guaranteed.

# Location



Location map:

- The school
- The 'Best residence'
- The 'Plus residence'
- The airport bus terminal

# Las Palmas

## The city

Here you will find a major Spanish port city with all it entails: the historic city quarter Vegueta, lively streets and inviting shops, beautiful squares, relaxing parks, nice pubs and cafes where you can experience the pleasant life of the city, and the city beach Playa de Las Canteras, where you can enjoy the sun and the sea in the afternoon after your language course.

Among the highlights you will encounter are the historic colonial city quarter Vegueta (with its cathedral, the colonial House of Columbus, the market, the Espíritu Santo square and street, Cairasco square), the Alfredo Kraus Auditorium and many more. You will find most highlights in the two city districts: Vegueta-Triana and the harbour-beach district. This is where your Spanish language school is located. The port area has its own charm. Unwind in one of its many beautiful parks or on the beach.

In the evening you can experience the cultural life of the city: theatre, concerts, cinemas, museums, exhibitions and festivals of various kinds are held throughout the year. In the last years an alternative scene has also developed in the old quarter, with interesting galleries and music venues.

Las Palmas, the capital of Gran Canaria, was ranked as **the city with the best climate in the world** in a 1996 scientific study called 'Pleasant Weather Ratings', by Thomas Whitmore, director of research on climatology at Syracuse University, New York. Whitmore studied many years of official weather data for 600 cities worldwide, making comparisons with the ideal living and holiday weather conditions. The conclusion he reached was that **Las Palmas de Gran Canaria is the only city in the world that deserves to be awarded a full 100 score for its perfect climate.**



# Gran Canaria

## The island

The Canary Islands (*Islas Canarias*), also known as the Canaries (*Canarias*), are located in the Atlantic Ocean just off the southern coast of Morocco, 100 kilometres (62 miles) west of its southern border, and on the same parallel as Florida.

The islands enjoy a subtropical climate moderated by the sea and in summer by the trade winds, with long warm summers and moderately warm winters. In ancient times, the islands were often referred to as "the Fortunate Isles".

Gran Canaria offers not only beaches of golden sand, but surprises by its untouched nature, as you may not expect.

A trip to the island's interior is very attractive. From the central summits dozens of wild, rugged ravines plunge radiantly down to the sea. These remote and often inaccessible ravines have allowed the preservation of an endemic flora.

Here and there you can discover idyllic villages with magnificent views between rocks and ravines. White houses and a friendly atmosphere characterize these mountain villages.



*The Canary Islands... a fantastic life.*

John Kettley, meteorologist.

# Our method and levels

## DEVELOP YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS

The methodology put into practice at Gran Canaria School of Languages gives special emphasis to the development of the four communication language skills (reading, listening, writing and speaking) while also teaching the grammar basics of the language. So it is a combination of the direct and traditional methods. The final goal is for our students to be able to communicate fluently and correctly in Spanish. Use of the language being studied and learned is an essential classroom requirement.

Lessons are held only in Spanish.

## LANGUAGE IMMERSION

To achieve this goal and in view of the context of language immersion surrounding the student, the teacher will motivate his learning, emphasizing the functionality of the content acquired: *What can what I am learning be used for?* This way a direct bridge will be created between the learner's environment in the classroom and the reality he will have contact with during his stay on the island.

## DEVELOP YOUR COMPETENCE

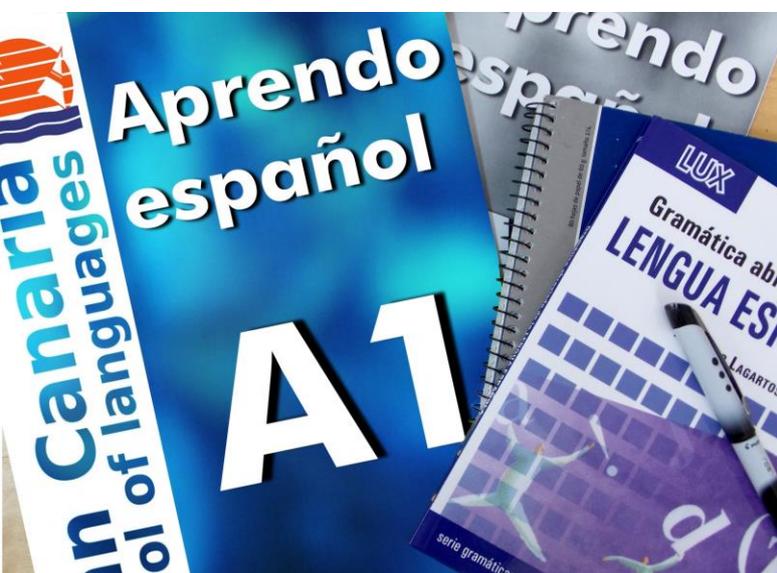
The grammar backup characteristic of the more traditional method is also present in our courses. To this purpose there will be available activities and exercises of controlled practice that potentiate and develop the student's linguistic competence.

## PARTICIPATIVE TEACHING

The classes are participative, including the use of CDs, videos, etc. to improve the comprehension of Spanish. In addition to learning the language, we try to bring the Spanish culture closer to the student by means of authentic material.

*The school was well recommended by a friend. I rate the course overall as excellent and I recommend the school to other students. I will book a Spanish course at the school again."*

Kristin Sigurtardóttir,  
Iceland.



At the Gran Canaria School of Languages each course has a specific program.

Gran Canaria School of Languages offers Intensive Spanish Courses all year round in 5 levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: A1, A2, B1 and B2, and C1 six month per year from October to March. Levels C1 and C2 are also given all year round as private courses.



### A1 Beginner

The student can interact in a simple way with native speakers, understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases by using the present tense.

Length: 4 to 5 weeks.

The student must pass a mandatory level test to step up to the next level.



### A2 Basic

The student can maintain a conversation in simple and routine matters (personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment, etc.) by using the present, future and past tenses.

Length: 4 to 5 weeks.

The student must pass a mandatory level test to step up to the next level.



### B1 Intermediate:

The student understands the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters and is able to deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. He is able to describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

Length: 4 to 5 weeks.

The student must pass a mandatory level test to step up to the next level.



### B2 Advanced:

The student is able to understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party.

Length: 4 to 5 weeks

The student must pass a mandatory level test to step up to the next level.



### C1 Superior: from October to March

**C1 Avanza: October, December, February.**

**C1 Progresa: November, January, March.**

The student is able to understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously producing clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.

Length: two blocks (Avanza and Progresa) of 4 to 5 weeks each. Each block is given in alternate months, but students of B2 can join any of the blocks at any month.

# Course20

## INTENSIVE SPANISH: Course20

20 tuition hours / week

- The **Course20** consists of 20 tuition hours/week in general Spanish given Monday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.
- It is given all year round in levels A1, A2, B1 and B2.
- Level C1 is given from October to March. This level is also given all year round as a private or semiprivate course.
- Length of levels: 4 to 5 weeks. C1 consists of two blocks of 4 to 5 weeks each.
- Starting dates for beginners: first Monday of every month. Beginners with some knowledge can join the group one or two weeks later.
- Starting dates for other levels: any Monday.
- The course can be booked as of 1 week.
- Groups consist of maximum 14 students.
- All classes pertaining to bank holidays are made up during the same week with one more hour on the other working days.
- 1 tuition hour: 50 minutes.
- Tuition is given only in Spanish.
- There is no booking fee. Prices are as shown below.
- Tuition material and certificates are not included in the price.

### Prices in Euros

Weeks:	1	2	Pay 3, get 4	Pay 4, get 5
Course20:	<b>185</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>635</b>

The school gives one extra free week for every three weeks paid.

## SUPERINTENSIVE SPANISH: Course25

Course20 + 5 hours/week as a PC course or with a teacher  
25 tuition hours / week

- The **Course25** consists of 20 tuition hours/week given Monday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm in the Course20 + 5 hours PC-course.
- The Course25 consists of 20 tuition hours/week given Monday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm in the Course20 + 5 hours PC-course or as private classes with a teacher.
- It is given all year round in levels A1 to B2 in the Course20 and private lessons, and A1-A2 in the PC-course.
- Level C1 is given from October to March. This level is also given all year round as a private or semiprivate course.
- Length of levels: 4 to 5 weeks. C1 consists of two blocks of 4 to 5 weeks each.
- Starting dates for beginners: first Monday of every month. Beginners with some knowledge can join the group one or two weeks later.
- Starting dates for other levels: any Monday.
- The course can be booked as of 1 week.
- Groups consist of maximum 14 students in the Course20. Private lessons are given one-to-one with a teacher. For the PC-course, every student works individually on his PC.
- All classes pertaining to bank holidays are made up during the same week with one more hour on the other working days.
- 1 tuition hour: 50 minutes.
- Tuition is given only in Spanish.
- There is no booking fee. Prices are as shown below.
- Tuition material and certificates are not included in the price.

### Prices in Euros

Weeks:	1	2	3	4	5
Course20 + PC course:	<b>218</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>800</b>
Course20 + a teacher:	<b>308</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>1250</b>

The school gives one extra free week in the Course20 for every three weeks paid.

## SUPERINTENSIVE SPANISH 30PC

STANDARD COURSE + PC course  
30 tuition hours / week

Ideal for Bildungsurlaub

- The **Course30** consists of 20 tuition hours/week given Monday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm in the Course20 + 10 hours PC-course or as private classes with a teacher.
- It is given all year round in levels A1 to B2 in the Course20 and private lessons, and A1-A2 in the PC-course.
- Level C1 is given from October to March. This level is also given all year round as a private or semiprivate course.
- Length of levels: 4 to 5 weeks. C1 consists of two blocks of 4 to 5 weeks each.
- Starting dates for beginners: first Monday of every month. Beginners with some knowledge can join the group one or two weeks later.
- Starting dates for other levels: any Monday.
- The course can be booked as of 1 week.
- Groups consist of maximum 14 students in the Course20. Private lessons are given one-to-one with a teacher. For the PC-course, every student works individually on his PC.
- All classes pertaining to bank holidays are made up during the same week with one more hour on the other working days.
- 1 tuition hour: 50 minutes.
- Tuition is given only in Spanish.
- There is no booking fee. Prices are as shown below.
- Tuition material and certificates are not included in the price.

### Prices in Euros

Weeks:	1	2	3	4	5
Course20 + PC course:	<b>251</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>965</b>
Course20 + a teacher:	<b>430</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>1460</b>	<b>1860</b>

The school gives one extra free week in the Course20 for every three weeks paid.

# Spanish private course

## PRIVATE SPANISH

ONE-TO-ONE course (1 student)  
Semiprivate course (2 students booking together)  
10 tuition hours / week

- Levels A1-C2.
- It is given as one-to-one classes (1 student) or semiprivate classes (2 students arriving together).
- Length: as long as desired.
- Start: any time.
- 1 tuition hour = 50 minutes.
- Tuition of bank holidays is made up during the other working days of the week.
- Year round.

### Prices in Euros

#### One-to-one

Weeks:	1	2	3	4	5
10 hours mornings:	<b>346</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>1730</b>
10 hours afternoons:	<b>316</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>1580</b>

### Prices in Euros

#### Semiprivate

Weeks:	1	2	3	4	5
10 hours semiprivate:	<b>440</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>1760</b>	<b>2200</b>

# Spanish program: online

## ONLINE SPANISH

At [abclingua.net](http://abclingua.net)

The abclingua online course is a fun and easy way for anyone to learn Spanish on the PC. All lessons are presented with audios that include grammar, vocabulary and practical examples. Different exercises complete the lessons.

Ideal for students who want to progress at their own path, to review what was learned in class, or to do some prior study in Spanish to make the beginning in the group classes easier.



- Levels A1-A2
- The student can follow the content of our A1 and A2 method in this online course.
- Lessons are presented with audio and video explanations. Exercises are also done online.
- Start: any time.
- Year round

### Prices in Euros

Months:	1	2	3	4
€:	25	40	55	65

# Spanish program: Skype

## SPANISH via Skype

STANDARD COURSE  
20 tuition hours / week

We offer one-to-one courses via Skype, a practical, efficient and economical way to study without moving away from home.

- Levels A1-C2.
- One-to-one instruction via Skype and email.
- 10 lessons/week, Mon-Fri, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (local time = CET -1).
- Start: any time.
- Year round.

### Prices in Euros

Hours/week:	10	15	20
Morning lessons:	346	519	692
Afternoon lessons:	316	474	632

Morning lessons are given between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. local time = CET -1.

Afternoon lessons are given between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. local time = CET -1.

When the week contains a bank holiday, the afternoon lessons start at 2 p.m.

# Timetable

The tuition week for the Standard Course of levels A1 to C1 is distributed in 20 class hours, each of 50 minutes, which are given from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The school is open all year round and only closes on bank holidays. The classes for those days will be made up during the same week.

Sample timetable for the Standard course.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
09:00 - 10:30	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00 - 12:00	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
12:00 - 12:10	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
12:10 - 13:00	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class

Here is a sample timetable of a week with a holiday.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
09:00 - 10:30	Class	Class	Holiday	Class	Class
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Break		Break	Break
11:00 - 12:30	Class	Class		Class	Class
12:30 - 12:50	Break	Break		Break	Break
12:50 - 14:00	Class	Class		Class	Class

Here is a sample timetable of a week with two holidays. This happens in April (13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>) and in December (6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>).

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
09:00 - 10:30	Class	Class	Class	Holiday	Holiday
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Break	Break		
11:00 - 12:30	Class	Class	Class		
12:30 - 12:50	Break	Break	Break		
12:50 - 14:00	Class	Class	Class		

# Our teachers

Our teachers are university graduates in Spanish philology or linguistics and they have long experience in teaching Spanish as a foreign language. They participate periodically in retraining courses in order to always be up to date in the new teaching methods and systems. These methods teach the factors that linguistic progress depends on and how to overcome the barriers that people of different origins and languages face when studying a language. All this so that their progress will be quicker and more effective.

Our teachers are examiners for the DIE (International Diploma of Spanish) with authorization from the Foundation for the Research and Development of the Spanish Culture (FIDESCU).

*Excellent teaching and a very good atmosphere at school.  
¡Gracias Marta!*

*Visit the old parts of the town (Vegueta, Triana), the mountains (especially Roque Nublo).*

*Very good food (individual preparation). ¡Gracias Soraya!*

Peter Alex Ramsebner, 57,  
Austria.



# Our certificates

## Our certificate of attendance

The Certificate of attendance is not included in the price of the course.

This document is only issued upon request but only to students who attend at least 85% of their classes.

It indicates the studied level, the objectives and contents of that level, the total number of hours studied and the course dates.

Our certificate of attendance is not valid as an official document in accordance with the legislation regulating non-accredited education.

*Me gustaría muchísimo volver a la escuela el próximo año para mejorar mi español y también porque he encontrado personas muy amables y divertidas.*

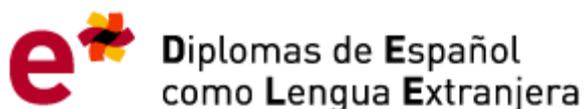
*¡Muchísimas gracias!*

Ilaria farioli, 26,  
Italia.



# DELE preparation

Official examinations: preparation for the DELE Diploma



The Diplomas in Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE) are official qualifications certifying the degree of competence and mastery of Spanish, granted by Instituto Cervantes on behalf of the Ministry of Education of Spain.

The DELE examination provides for all the different variants of the Spanish language. They are all considered as valid to obtain the diploma.

The DELE examinations have been designed following the guidelines of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) of the Council of Europe, which ensures a practical way of establishing a standard, international and objective measurement of the level that should be reached at each teaching stage, and in evaluating results.

The University of Salamanca collaborates with Instituto Cervantes in designing exam papers and in grading the tests leading to the Diplomas in Spanish.

There are six sittings for this diploma: April, May, July, October and November, although not all levels are tested in every sitting. The University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria is the examination center in this city.

The Gran Canaria School of Languages prepares (but not examines) students for every level of this Diploma. Classes are given as private tuition and sample examinations are used to test the student's skills.

There are 6 levels of Diplomas in Spanish according to the CEFR:

- Diploma in Spanish Level A1.
- Diploma in Spanish Level A2.
- Diploma in Spanish Level B1.
- Diploma in Spanish Level B2.
- Diploma in Spanish Level C1.
- Diploma in Spanish Level C2.

# DIE examinations

Official examinations: Diploma D.I.E.



The Gran Canaria School of Languages is the only authorised centre for the DIE (Diploma Internacional de Español) examinations in Las Palmas.

The DIE is recognised by the Courses of Spanish Language and Culture of the **Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca**.

The objective of the **DIE** consists of evaluating the capacity of each candidate to communicate effectively with other Spanish speakers.

The **DIE** is the most complete Spanish diploma that presently exists due to the multiple levels it offers:

- 10 levels in the oral examinations
- 6 levels in the written examinations
- 3 subjects as specific purposes: Business, Health and Tourism.
- The examinations take place every Friday at the school.

# The school

The school owns 3 buildings near each other, only a few meters from the beach of Las Palmas (Canteras Beach). The school occupies one of the buildings; the other buildings are the residences.

All three buildings are located just beside the beach (Playa de Las Canteras), one of the most beautiful in Spain with 3 kms. of fine golden sand and a lively promenade full of terrace-bars and restaurants.

The school building has a maximum capacity of 70 students in 7 classrooms. It is a 2-storey construction with two Canarian patios used as a lounge connecting with offices, some classrooms and the computer room for internet access. On the second floor there are more classrooms, the library and the terrace, which can be used by the students as gathering and resting area. Each classroom is equipped with video and audio devices and a slide projector.



# Sunday is welcome evening

## Sunday is welcome evening

All new students are invited to school on Sunday evening at 18:30 hours (6.30 p.m.) for a welcome evening.

That evening, students will be greeted by our staff, they will receive information on the city's highlights, information on the city transport, information on activities organized by the school and other activities they can do on their own and get to know their new school mates. This will be a good chance to make new friends.

For those students who have booked our accommodation with half board, the welcome evening continues at our canteen, where dinner will be served at 19:00 hours (7.00 p.m.). Students who have not booked our accommodation are also welcome to have dinner with us if they have booked it in advance.

Having dinner at our canteen is also a good chance to meet more students and make new friends, as those students that arrived the previous weeks will also be present.

# First day at school

## Monday

### First day at school

Our standard courses start on Monday at 9:00 o'clock. By then, all students must have gone through a placement test. Our placement test consists of a written and an oral test. We strongly recommend our students to submit the written placement test from our web page at: <http://www.es.grancanariaschool.com/test.php> before their arrival.

8:00 h.

We expect those students staying at our accommodation on Monday at 08:00 o'clock for the oral placement test. After the oral test, breakfast will be served to them at 08:30 h.

8:30 h.

At 08:30 we expect those students not staying at our accommodation, and thus not having breakfast with us, for their oral placement test.

9:00 h.

Once our students have been assessed and placed in their levels, tuition material can be acquired at our front desk. It is recommended to bring a notebook and a pen.

The course begins at 9:00 o'clock.

# Accommodation

## Advantages of staying at our accommodation:

Staying in any of the residences of Gran Canaria School offers you the advantage of living with the other students of the school and sharing their company during meals and excursions. This facilitates friendship between all of them and puts into practice the use of Spanish as a common language, as excursions, groups and gatherings to go out for dinners, meetings on the beach, car rental, hiking, etc, will be composed of students of different levels and nationalities. Thus, although you may only visit the school for 1 to 2 weeks, you will not feel lonely because you will be integrated from the first day in the group of all students living in the residence.

The Gran Canaria School's policy is not only to teach efficiently but to create a club of lovers of the Spanish language which will result that your stay will not only be profitable but will also make you feel happy during your stay with us. And we hope this will encourage you to repeat your stay with us.

Especially important is to participate at your first Sunday dinner because there you will meet other students of our residences and you will receive information about the school and the city.

## Description

The School has its own student residences: the Best Residence and the Plus Residence.

Both residences are located a short distance from the airport bus station, a shopping mall and leisure centre, shops and commercial areas, bars, restaurants, supermarkets and banks.

Only students as of 18 years of age or minors accompanied by their parents or legal tutors may book a room in our accommodation.

The **Best Residence**: it was built in 1997, with 15 single rooms and some double rooms. All windows are soundproof. All rooms have a private bathroom and are equipped with satellite TV, safety deposit box and free WiFi internet access. There are common premises for all students equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, toaster, water-boiler, coffee-maker, dishes and cutlery for small meals only. No cooker nor pots or pans are available.

It is located only 50 m from the beach and 10 minutes' walk from the school along the beach promenade.





**The rooms are equipped as follows:**

- 1 Single bed per room and a side table,
- Desk with lamp and two chairs,
- Private bathroom with WC and shower,
- Big soundproof windows with curtains,
- Closet and cupboard,
- Safe box,
- Free WiFi internet access,
- Satellite TV with channels in Spanish, German and English,
- Bed sheets, blankets, pillows and towels are provided.

**Following services are included in the accommodation price:**

- Breakfast on class days (8:30 a.m.). Half-board is optional: lunch on class days and only dinner (7 p.m.) on weekends and bank-holidays. (Breakfast and half-board are described on page 28),
- Cleaning of the room every 8 or 9 days (first cleaning is before occupying the room),
- Bed linen and towels are provided and are changes with the cleaning of the room.
- 50% discount on the weekly excursion
- Access to our online course (levels A1 and A2) as from the payment date to the starting date of the course
- Free grammar book
- Certificate of attendance.

**Following services are not included in the accommodation price:**

These services are paid extra

- Extra cleaning of the room with change of bed linen and towels,
- laundry of personal clothing (not ironing).

**The Plus Residence:** it was built in 2008, with 8 double rooms, some of which can be used as single rooms. Some rooms may be occupied by 3 people. All rooms have a private bathroom and are equipped with satellite TV, safety deposit box and free WiFi internet access. There are common premises for all students equipped with a microwave, toaster, water-boiler, coffee-maker, dishes and cutlery for small meals only. No cooker nor pots or pans are available. The same common premises may be used as meeting point or gathering area.

It is located a short distance from the airport bus station, a shopping mall and leisure centre, shops and commercial areas, bars, restaurants, supermarkets, banks and only 50 m from the beach and 4 minutes' walk from the school.



### **The rooms are equipped as follows:**

- 2 Single beds per room and side tables,
- Desks with lamps and two chairs,
- Private bathroom with WC and shower,
- Big soundproof windows with curtains,
- Closet and cupboard,
- Safe box,
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These services are paid extra

- Extra cleaning of the room with change of bed linen and towels,
- laundry of personal clothing (not ironing).

### **Half board:**

On the breakfast buffet you will find water, orange juice, milk, red tea, green tea, black tea and tea of other flavours, coffee, chocolate, sugar and sweetener, yoghurt, muesli and corn-flakes, rye bread, 5-seeds bread, margarine, peach or apricot and strawberry marmalade, chocolate spread, cheese and York ham or chopped pork.

For lunch or dinner, we serve local, Spanish or international cuisine dishes in three courses: a salad, a main course with side dish of either meat (veal, pork), fish, rice (paella or similar), pasta or chicken; and a dessert (ice cream, vanilla custard, yoghurt or fruit of the season, etc.). Water and sangria are included in the meals. Beer, wine and refreshments may be purchased.

Our cook can also prepare vegetarian and gluten-free dishes.

### **Lunch in the canteen**





**Taxi to Las Palmas:**

If you prefer to drive by taxi you will find these at the exit of the arrivals terminal.  
A Taxi from the airport costs about 40 Eur.

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**Transfer service:**

if you have booked our transfer service you are expected at the 'Meeting point' (se airport map). Our employee will hold a sign with your name and our logo.



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Once you have arrived at your accommodation use the entry key we have sent to together with your documents. In the entry hall you will find an envelope with your name containing your room keys.  
Make yourself comfortable. The beach is only 30 meters further down.  
On the weekend we expect you at 7 p.m. for dinner at our canteen located at the Plus Residence: 43 Nicolás Estévez street.

Only a ten minutes' walk separates the school from the *Best Residence*. It is a nice walk along the Las Canteras beach promenade. The *Plus Residence* is even closer, just around the corner.



# Activities

## Excursion:

The school organizes a weekly excursion to the most beautiful and interesting places on the island. May it be the North coast or the inner villages, you will be amazed by nature's generosity with Gran Canaria. These excursions are paid separately by those participants who have not booked our accommodation.

Price: **18 Eur.**    **50% discount** for students in our residence.



**Some of our destinations:** Agaete, Puerto de las Nieves, jardín botánico, cráter de Bandama, barranco de Guayadeque, Valsequillo, Moya, Valleseco, Firgas, Arucas, Teror...





## Tapas-Tour:

A visit to Vegueta, the old colonial quarter of the city, by the hand of one of our teachers.

After the visit you can taste the local specialties and enjoy a glass beer or wine.

The Tapa-Tour is paid separately (**22 Eur**), it takes place on Fridays and requires a minimum number of 5 participants.

Transportation and 'Tapas' are included.



Surf course:



We collaborate with the nearby Quiksilver surf school, thus we offer you the possibility to combine your Spanish course with a surf course.

The surf course can be booked by hours. It takes place in the afternoons and weekends.

The surf board and the wet-suit are provided by the surf school. Just don't forget your swim wear!



Outdoors:

If you are a sportive person and do not want to spend your weekend on the beach, there are local companies that organize all sort of sport and leisure activities for you: mountain bike, trekking, climbing and much more.



Diving:

The 236 kilometres of coastline and the crystal clear water with visibility of up to 40m and a great abundance of fish close to shore invite the diver to explore the underwater world of Gran Canaria and be amazed by its beauty.

Whether you are looking for a beginners course or for a diving excursion, we can arrange your diving activities with any of the local clubs.



# Starting dates

## Starting dates

- Levels A1, A2, B1 and B2 are given all year round. Level C1 is given from October to March. Levels begin the **first Monday of a month** and thus run for 4 to 5 weeks. See the calendar below for details. Beginners start the first Monday of every month. Beginners with some knowledge can join the beginner course one or two weeks later. Students of intermediate or advanced level can join our courses any Monday, as well as students in private tuition.
- Groups of levels A1 to C1 receive 20 tuition hours from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a maximum number of 12 participants.
- Levels C1 and C2 can be booked as private lessons any time of the year.
- All classes pertaining to **bank holidays** are made up during the same week.

## Starting dates 2018 of all levels

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**May 2018** All levels run for 4 weeks.

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**June 2018** All levels run for 4 weeks.

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**July 2018** All levels run for 5 weeks.

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**August 2018** All levels run for 4 weeks.

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**September 2018** All levels run for 4 weeks.

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**October 2018** All levels run for 5 weeks.

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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**November 2018** All levels run for 4 weeks.

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**December 2018** All levels run for 5 weeks.

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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# Prices 2018

## TUITION

Course20 (20 hours/week) A 4 <sup>th</sup> week free for every 3 weeks paid.												
Weeks	1	2	Pay 3, get 4	Pay 4, get 5	Pay 5, get 6	Pay 6, get 8	Pay 7, get 9	Pay 8, get 10	Pay 9, get 12	Pay 10, get 13	Pay 11, get 14	Pay 12, get 16
€	<b>185</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>1255</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>1565</b>	<b>1720</b>	<b>1875</b>

Course25 (25 hours/week)												
Weeks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
€ Teacher	<b>308</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>1250</b>	<b>1528</b>	<b>1806</b>	<b>1929</b>	<b>2207</b>	<b>2485</b>	<b>2763</b>	<b>2886</b>
€ PC	<b>218</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1176</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>1397</b>	<b>1585</b>	<b>1773</b>	<b>1806</b>

Course30 (30 hours/week) German Bildungsurlaub												
Weeks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
€ Teacher	<b>430</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>1460</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>2260</b>	<b>2660</b>	<b>2905</b>	<b>3305</b>	<b>3705</b>	<b>4105</b>	<b>4350</b>
€ PC	<b>251</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1186</b>	<b>1407</b>	<b>1473</b>	<b>1694</b>	<b>1915</b>	<b>2136</b>	<b>2202</b>

Extra lessons for students of the Course20																		
Weeks	1			2			3			4			5			6		
Hours	5	10	20	5	10	20	5	10	20	5	10	20	5	10	20	5	10	20
€	<b>123</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>2450</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>2940</b>

Private course																		
Weeks	1			2			3			4			5			6		
Hours	10	15	20	10	15	20	10	15	20	10	15	20	10	15	20	10	15	20
€ morning	<b>346</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>2076</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>2076</b>	<b>2768</b>	<b>1730</b>	<b>2595</b>	<b>3460</b>	<b>2076</b>	<b>3114</b>	<b>4152</b>
€ aftern.	<b>316</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1422</b>	<b>1896</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>1896</b>	<b>2528</b>	<b>1580</b>	<b>2370</b>	<b>3160</b>	<b>1896</b>	<b>2844</b>	<b>3792</b>

Semiprivate course																		
Weeks	1			2			3			4			5			6		
Hours	10	15	20	10	15	20	10	15	20	10	15	20	10	15	20	10	15	20
€	<b>440</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>1760</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>2640</b>	<b>1760</b>	<b>2640</b>	<b>3520</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>3300</b>	<b>4400</b>	<b>2640</b>	<b>3960</b>	<b>5280</b>

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ACCOMMODATION With private bathroom, TV, WiFi, safe box. Non-smoking rooms	Included: Bed & Breakfast (optional half board), 50% discount in the weekly excursion price, online course (levels A1 and A2) as from the payment date to the starting date of the course, free grammar book, certificate of attendance							
	Single room		Shared room		Double room for single use		Double room for 2 occupants	
	B&B	HB	B&B	HB	B&B	HB	B&B	HB
1 week:	266	321	217	270	329	378	333	433
2 weeks:	532	642	434	540	658	756	666	866
Pay 3, get 4 weeks:	798	963	651	810	987	1134	999	1299
Pay 4, get 5 weeks:	1064	1284	868	1080	1316	1512	1332	1732
Pay 5, get 6 weeks:	1330	1605	1085	1350	1645	1890	1665	2165
Pay 6, get 8 weeks:	1596	1926	1302	1620	1974	2268	1998	2598
Pay 7, get 9 weeks:	1862	2247	1519	1890	2303	2646	2331	3031
Pay 8, get 10 weeks:	2128	2568	1736	2160	2632	3024	2664	3464
Pay 9, get 12 weeks:	2394	2889	1953	2430	2961	3402	2997	3897
Pay 10, get 13 weeks:	2660	3210	2170	2700	3290	3780	3330	4330
Pay 11, get 14 weeks:	2926	3531	2387	2970	3619	4158	3663	4763
Pay 12, get 16 weeks:	3192	3852	2604	3240	3948	4536	3996	5196
Pay 13, get 17 weeks:	3458	4173	2821	3510	4277	4914	4329	5629
Pay 14, get 18 weeks:	3724	4494	3038	3780	4606	5292	4662	6062
Pay 15, get 20 weeks:	3990	4815	3255	4050	4935	5670	4995	6495
Pay 16, get 21 weeks:	4256	5136	3472	4320	5264	6048	5328	6928
Pay 17, get 22 weeks:	4522	5457	3689	4590	5593	6426	5661	7361
Pay 18, get 24 weeks:	4788	5778	3906	4860	5922	6804	5994	7794
Pay 19, get 25 weeks:	5054	6099	4123	5130	6251	7182	6327	8227
Pay 20, get 26 weeks:	5320	6420	4340	5400	6580	7560	6660	8660

## Other services (if not included in the accommodation price):

Airport transfer: One way: .....	50 €
Return: .....	75 €
Single meal: .....	10 €
Pack of 7 meals to be taken in a week x 9 €:.....	63 €
Tuition books per level (student book 24 € + exercise book 6 €):.....	30 €
Leasing of student book per level: .....	12 €
Excursion .....	18 €
Certificate of attendance: .....	5 €
Laundry (max. 5 Kg): .....	5 €
Extra cleaning of room + change of bed sheets and towels: .....	6 €



# General terms and conditions 2018

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1. This agreement is legally binding once the school has received a student's signed enrolment form, either online or in writing, and implies full acceptance of these general terms and conditions. Likewise, the agreement is legally binding if the registration is made by telephone, once the data of the reservation have been taken and the payment (deposit or total payment) has been received.
2. This contract is publicly available at <http://www.en.grancanariaschool.com/contract.php>
3. The total amount of the course (and accommodation) will be calculated according to the valid price list included this agreement. This amount must be paid in advance. The student will then receive the confirmation of his/her reservation request and an invoice. If payment of the total amount is not made within two weeks from the date of sending the reservation request, it will be deemed cancelled. Payments can be made in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer with no costs for the beneficiary.
4. A paid course/accommodation or part of it is not transferable to another person.
5. Minimum age to participate in a group course: 16 years. Minimum age to occupy a room in our accommodation: 18 years or younger accompanied by an adult.
6. The school offers Spanish courses as non-accredited education all year round. Course20 (Standard course) is offered from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 13.00. Classes affected by bank holidays will be made up within the same week. Classes missed by the student are not made up or refunded.
7. The maximum number of participants per group is 14.
8. From A1 to B2, a complete level lasts between 4 and 5 weeks. The C1 level consists of two blocks of 4 to 5 weeks each and is only given from October to March.
9. A class session lasts 50 minutes. Classes are taught in Spanish.
10. STUDENT PLACEMENT: The distribution of the students in the different levels is the responsibility of the school and is based on strictly academic criteria. After the initial level test, interview and language needs of the student, the decision will be made to place him/her in the most appropriate level.
11. CHANGES OF LEVEL: A student may request a change of level, but the change will be possible only with the approval of his/her teacher and the academic coordinator. In case the teacher and the academic coordinator consider that the student's language proficiency is not sufficient to step up to the next level, he/she will be required a level entrance to test his/her production and comprehension skills.
12. Only students of the group courses can hire *Extra Lessons*.
13. Starting dates for beginners in the group course: the 1st Monday of the month throughout the year.
14. All rooms are non-smoking rooms. Rooms are given clean and re-cleaned on the 8th or 9th day. Bed linen and towels are included and changed with every cleaning of the room. The cleaning of the apartment with kitchen is not included. You can ask for an extra cleaning with change of bed linen and towels against payment. We do the laundry (not ironing) of your clothes against payment. No cooking is allowed in rooms without a kitchen.
15. Accommodation includes breakfast on school days (not for the apartment with kitchen). Half board is optional: lunch on school days and dinner only on weekends and holidays.
16. The price of the course includes:
  - Initial level test;
  - Free internet access via WiFi;
  - Discount on car rental;
  - Tutoring and academic counselling;
  - Personalized attention and information;
  - Discount on surf courses;
17. The price of the course does not include: tuition material and certifications.

18. Included in the accommodation price when booked for at least 7 nights:
- Free grammar book;
  - Certificate of attendance;
  - 50% discount on the weekly excursion;
  - Free use of a bodyboard (with deposit);
  - Access to our online course (levels A1 and A2) from the date of payment until the beginning of the course;
19. Students may book a double room in the company of someone who does not attend a course. Students up to 25 years of age may book a shared room.
20. Accommodation payment is made for full weeks starting on Saturday / Sunday at 12 noon. Rooms must be vacated on Saturday / Sunday before 10:00 h.
21. Smoking or making fire is not allowed in the school or in the accommodation. Animals are not allowed.
22. CANCELLATIONS: For cancellations received 20 days before the start of the course, the school refunds the amount paid for classes and accommodation less 10%. If the cancellation is received later, the school refunds the amount paid less 20%. No cancellations will be admitted if submitted after 4:00 pm (GMT or CET-1) of our last working day prior to the starting date of the course or arrival at the accommodation.

Private lessons will only be rescheduled with 24 hours' notice, otherwise they will not be made up or refunded. Teachers' waiting time is 20 minutes; after that, all classes scheduled for that day will not be made up or refunded.

For long stays in our accommodation, the student can make changes or cancellations for the following month and claim a refund as long as he/she gives notice until the 15th day of the month prior to that change or cancellation. Of all the amounts that are returned, 20% will be deducted for administrative expenses.

23. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE: The Certificate of Attendance can be issued at any time but only to students with at least 85% attendance. Our certificate is not an official document, according to the legislation that regulates non-accredited education.
24. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA AND IMAGE RIGHTS: the student, by accepting this contract, gives consent for his/her personal data submitted in the booking process to be included in a file owned by Gran Canaria School of Languages S.L.U, and processed in accordance with the new European legislation on the protection of personal data, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 for the purpose of carrying out academic, economic and administrative management which is necessary for the organization and development of the academic activity of Gran Canaria School of Languages.

During the time that the student is enrolled in the school, images of the students can be captured and used in the composition of graphic or video files prepared to inform or publicize activities organized by the school. Dissemination can be done through publications on paper or the inclusion on the website [www.grancanariaschool.com](http://www.grancanariaschool.com), social networks, as well as by publication in information leaflets owned by Gran Canaria School SLU. The treatment of student images is carried out in accordance with Organic Law 1/1982, of May 5, on civil protection of the right to honour, personal and family privacy, and the image itself, eliminating any captures or filming that might violate these fundamental rights. The images are not used for purposes other than those expressed above and may be transferred to third parties for promotional or advertising purposes.

When registering, the student expresses his / her consent to Gran Canaria School of Languages take photographs and videos showing and using images taken by the students during the classes and activities of the school in which they appear for promotional purposes. The denial of this authorization must be notified in advance by one of two options:

- Option 1: Students will be provided with a document upon request.
- Option 2: sending a letter addressed to the centre, Gran Canaria School of Languages, Calle Dr. Grau Bassas 27, 35007 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, or via email to [office@grancanariaschool.com](mailto:office@grancanariaschool.com)

25. STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR: Students are expected to behave appropriately and respect their peers and staff at our school. Inappropriate or offensive behaviour towards others or attending school under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be accepted.

If a student behaves improperly with a classmate, teacher or staff member, he or she will receive a verbal notice from Gran Canaria School of Languages and will be warned in writing of the consequences of his / her actions, in order to correct his / her behaviour. If this does not happen after this first warning, the expulsion process may be initiated by the school, if necessary and according to the current legality. In case of violent acts, serious disturbance or threats to the physical integrity of other persons, the expulsion will be immediate.

Gran Canaria School of Languages reserves the right to expel the student, both from the school and accommodation, in case of breach of any of the legal conditions, serious disciplinary infractions, or acts of violence towards other students, teachers or staff. Expulsion of a student implies loss of the right to financial compensation and exempts the school from any additional obligation. All costs and expenses (indemnities, fines, etc.) incurred by breach of the law will be borne by the student and if underage, their parents or legal guardians.

26. CLAIMS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: we have the necessary management procedures so that any problems that may arise during the student's stay are solved as soon as possible. In all cases, the student must report his/her complaints in writing and the school will reply verbally and also in writing, proposing reasonable options for the resolution of the complaint. No claim or complaint made after the end of the stay will be accepted if the school has not been previously notified in writing during the student's stay. In case of not reaching a full agreement between both parties, the school offers, upon request, official complaint forms. For any dispute arising out of or in relation to this contract, the school is submitted expressly to the consumer arbitration system, through the corresponding Consumer Arbitration Board. The Spanish law applies to all relations between the student and the school and / or between service providers with the school, and all parties will submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts and Tribunals of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.