

## **Discovery-Enriched Summer Programme on Teaching Spanish Language and Culture to Non-Native Speakers**

We are offering a 4 weeks summer programme in Spain, from 21/07/2019-17/08/2019. The program will take place in Cuenca, a historical city in the center of Spain. Cuenca offers ideal proximity, safe, beautiful nature, culturally rich and above all, warm and welcoming with its visitors!!! Thanks to the collaboration of the local government, you will be able to use the city's facilities just as if you were from Cuenca.

In order to be selected, students should **have completed at least the course LT2601 Spanish 1**. They should also have demonstrated a strong commitment in learning Spanish and this immersion program will be presented as a great opportunity for those who have made great effort in their studies in Spanish courses at CityU and are prepared to going one mile further through an immersion experience in Spain. Priority will be given to students who have never had a global experience while studying in CityU.

The programme aims to improve your Spanish language and culture knowledge, with Spanish language morning classes (Mon-Fri, from 9:30 to 13:30) and afternoon "experiences". (12-15 hours/week).

In order to be selected, students should **first submit a study plan (proposal)** detailing clear learning goals. Proposals will be short-listed and selected students will be interviewed (when necessary) to ensure they embark on the language and culture immersion program with the right attitude. **Only 20 final candidates will be selected**. LT students without any prior Spanish studies will be allocated 10 seats for this programme.

After they return to Hong Kong, students will submit a reflective writing to the Spanish course coordinator detailing the extent to which the objectives set in their study plan have been met and also reflecting on their immersion experience as well as a video about their experience by the end of August.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the proposed Summer Programme are to:

- (1) enrich students with the knowledge of Spanish language and culture,
- (2) enrich students' knowledge of Spanish daily life and custom;
- (3) enable students to study the differences between their culture and foreign culture;
- (4) develop their interest and ability in teaching and studying foreign languages for further studies or potential career;
- (5) enhance their communication skills in Spanish.

### **Activities:**

- (1) Participation in Spanish language classes.
- (3) Cultural tours to investigate culture and language use in Spain.
- (4) Real Spanish Experiences.

**Duration:** 4 weeks , 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Fee: HK\$30,060** (including air ticket, accommodation, learning fee, and local tours)

**Number of students to be recruited:** 20

### Tentative itinerary

Date	Activities	Remarks
21 <sup>st</sup> July (Sun)	Arrival to Cuenca. Assignment of host family and briefing	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July (Mon) To 16 <sup>th</sup> of August	<b>Morning:</b> Spanish as a Foreign Language classes <b>Afternoon:</b> Spanish True Experiences	
17 <sup>th</sup> August (Sat)	Departure	

### Tasks

1. Daily participation and review: Active participation in daily activities and a short daily review
2. Individual reflective writing: The reflective writing (in 1200-1500 words) requires students to present their discoveries of knowledge in relation to learning Spanish language and culture in an immersion program after attending classes and take part on the Spanish True Experiences.
3. DEC group video: The DEC group project will involve 4-5 students in discovering culture and language use in Cuenca. Students will be asked to give a 5 mins video.
4. Completion survey after the programme for evaluation.

### Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of their immersion programme students should:

- Have reached a level of proficiency in Spanish that would enable them to use the language in familiar situations and contexts and carry out routine tasks with a considerable degree of autonomy and confidence.

- Have gained an insight into Spanish culture and society so that they can assess different situations requiring certain intercultural awareness.

### Assessment of Outcomes

Students will be required to show their certificate and write a reflective writing detailing their language and culture immersion experience and explaining the extent to which the Intended Learning Outcomes specified in their Study Tour Plan have been met.

### Tentative Schedule:

- Submission of the written proposal (11<sup>th</sup> February 2019).
- Short-listing of proposals and student interviews when necessary (during application period and 1 week after deadline).
- Study tour in Spain 21/07/2019– 17/08/2019
- Submission of Study Tour reflective writing and video (first week of September 2019).

### Evaluation of the programme

A survey will be conducted with the students after the completion of the programme for evaluation.

### Budget

#### Cost per student

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost (per student)</u>
Round trip air passage (Hong Kong – Madrid)	HK\$10,500
Round train/bus passage (Madrid-Cuenca)	HK\$500
Program fee charged by UNED Cuenca (including tuition fees, accommodation and local transportation)	HK\$19,060
<b>TOTAL cost per student</b>	<b>HK\$30,060</b>

Note: Each student will be required to pay no less than 40% of the cost of the programme. i.e. HKD30,060 x 40% = **HKD12,100**.