

Dear ERASMUS+/International Exchange Student,

Thank you for choosing to study at Cardenal Cisneros University College (CUCC).

We would like to provide you with some important information, including the academic calendar, eligible courses, and holidays.

1 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Notice that, in Spain, one academic year is divided into two equal semesters of 15 weeks of class each. After each semester, there is an examination period. **Therefore, the General Calendar is as follows:**

- **1st semester (Autumn):** Classes start in early September and finish just before Christmas.
Ordinary examination period last two weeks in mid-January.
- **2nd semester (Spring):** Classes start in late January and finish in mid-May.
Ordinary examination period last two weeks in late May to June.

However, there are some exceptions in certain years in the Degrees of Infant, Primary, and Social Education. This is so due to **external training internships** being done at **schools or social institutions**.

Degree	Year	Semester	Number of weeks	Beginning/End of classes
INFANT EDUCATION	2 nd	Autumn	10	Early September to mid-November
PRIMARY EDUCATION	2 nd	Autumn	10	Early September to mid-November
INFANT EDUCATION	3 rd	Spring	9	March to mid-May
PRIMARY EDUCATION	3 rd	Spring	9	March to mid-May
SOCIAL EDUCATION	3 rd	Spring	9	March to mid-May

For the **4th Year** and during the Spring semester, there are no other subjects but Practicum (external training practice for all Degrees) and the making and defence of the Final Degree Project.

Finally, there is an **extraordinary period of examinations** only intended for those students who failed in the ordinary ones, either in the Autumn or Spring semesters. It takes place in June until early July.

2 OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS

Please, mind that some of them, as Christmas or Easter, are approximate at the time this document was issued; others may be moved to the closest Monday or Friday:

MONTH/DAY	HOLIDAY
October 9 th	Cervantes Day (local festivity)
October 12 th	Spain's National Day
November 1 st	All Saints' Day
December 6 th	Constitution Day

December 8 th	The Immaculate Conception of Mary the Virgin
December 22 th to January 7 th	Christmas holidays
January 28 th	St Tomas Aquinas, patron saint of university students
March / April	Easter holidays
May 1 st	Labour Day
May 2 nd	Madrid's Day (regional festivity)
June 2 nd	St Marceline Champagnat, patron saint and founder of the Marist Brothers in charge of our college

3 COURSES SELECTION AND LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Subjects can only be selected from the list of courses taught at CUCC and within the **bachelor's degrees** your university has signed an **Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement** with us. Study guides will be **updated every July**. Please check our website <https://inter.cardenalcisneros.es/incoming> for possible changes and additional information in English.

Notice that **Spanish** is the **main language of instruction** at **CCUC**. It is necessary to **certify a minimum B2 European CFRL level** or equivalent to follow programmes in Spanish.

- In the Degree in **SOCIAL EDUCATION**, subjects are taught **only in Spanish**.
- In the Degree in **PSYCHOLOGY**, several subjects are taught **partially in English**. This means that practical classes and seminars are given in English (60% of teaching) but theoretical classes in Spanish. However, lecture notes, exams, and tutorials are available in English.
- In the **Bilingual Curriculum** of the Degree in **TEACHER TRAINING / EDUCATION**, teaching is entirely provided in English (minimum **B1 CFRL** level required).
- In the **English Specialization** of the previous Degrees, a minimum **B2 European CFRL level** is **required** to follow courses.

PSYCHOLOGY	COURSES IN ENGLISH Click on the selected course below to read its study guide in Spanish/English	YEAR	SEMESTER	ECTS CREDITS
CODE: 562004	Research Methods in Psychology	1 st	Autumn	6
CODE: 562006	Behavioural Neuroscience	1 st	Spring	6
CODE: 562010	Developmental Psychology II	2 nd	Autumn	6
CODE: 562019	Psychology of Education	2 nd	Spring	6
CODE: 562022	Developmental and Learning Disorders *	3 rd	Autumn	6
CODE: 562028	Psicofarmacology *	3 rd	Spring	6
CODE: 562029	Psychosocial and Community Intervention *	3 rd	Spring	6
CODE: 562031	Psychoeducational Intervention *	4 th	Autumn	6

* Courses still taught in Spanish; teaching available in English from academic year 2028-29 onwards.

TEACHER TRAINING / EDUCATION	COURSES IN ENGLISH Click on the selected course below to read its study guide in English.	YEAR	SEMESTER	ECTS CREDITS
CODE: 510001	Didactics	1 st	Autumn	6
CODE: 520001	General Geography	1 st	Spring	6
CODE: 510010	Fundamentals of Attention to Diversity	2 nd	Autumn	6
CODE: 520004	Foreign Language I (English)	2 nd	Autumn	6
CODE: 520008	Science of Matter and Energy	2 nd	Spring	8
CODE: 520010	Foreign Language II (English)	2 nd	Spring	6
CODE: 520011	Didactics of the Natural Sciences	3 rd	Autumn	6
CODE: 520012	Didactics of the Social Sciences	3 rd	Autumn	6
CODE: 520013	Visual and Artistic Language: Resources and Applications	3 rd	Autumn	6
CODE: 520019	Didactics of Physical Education	4 th	Autumn	6
CODE: 510026	Projects for Developing Comprehensive Expression in Infant Education	4 th	Autumn	6

TEACHER TRAINING / EDUCATION	ELECTIVE COURSES FOR ENGLISH TEACHING SPECIALIZATION Click on the selected course below to read its study guide in English	YEAR	SEMESTER	ECTS CREDITS
CODE: 510031	Developing Productive Skills in English	3 rd	Spring	6
CODE: 510049	Strategies and Resources for the English Infant Classroom	3 rd	Spring	6
CODE: 510044	A Practical Approach to the English-Speaking Cultures	4 th	Autumn	6
CODE: 510099	Designing and Delivering Effective Lessons for the English Classroom	4 th	Autumn	6
CODE: 520025	Exploring children's literature in English	4 th	Autumn	6
CODE: 510050	Early Literacy and English Phonics	4 th	Autumn	6

As **Spanish is the main language** of instruction in the Psychology Degree, it is recommendable a **minimum B1 CFRL level or equivalent** to follow the programmes. If you do not reach at this level or if you want to improve it, the **University of Alcalá** has a **Teaching Centre for Learning Spanish as a Foreign Language**, called **Alcalingua**. It offers a variety of courses in Spanish language and culture for foreign students and grants ECTS and DELE diplomas. Courses for ERASMUS+ students are offered at lower prices. Up-to-date information regarding prices, timetables, and registration for the Spanish language courses available throughout the academic year can be found at [the website https://www.alcalingua.com/es](https://www.alcalingua.com/es)

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⑥ ESN ALCALÁ:

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Or you can read this PDF (in Spanish) to know about their offer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lw4RnLu0cKSwo7TonQb2Tc4nch0WmYp6/view?pli=1>