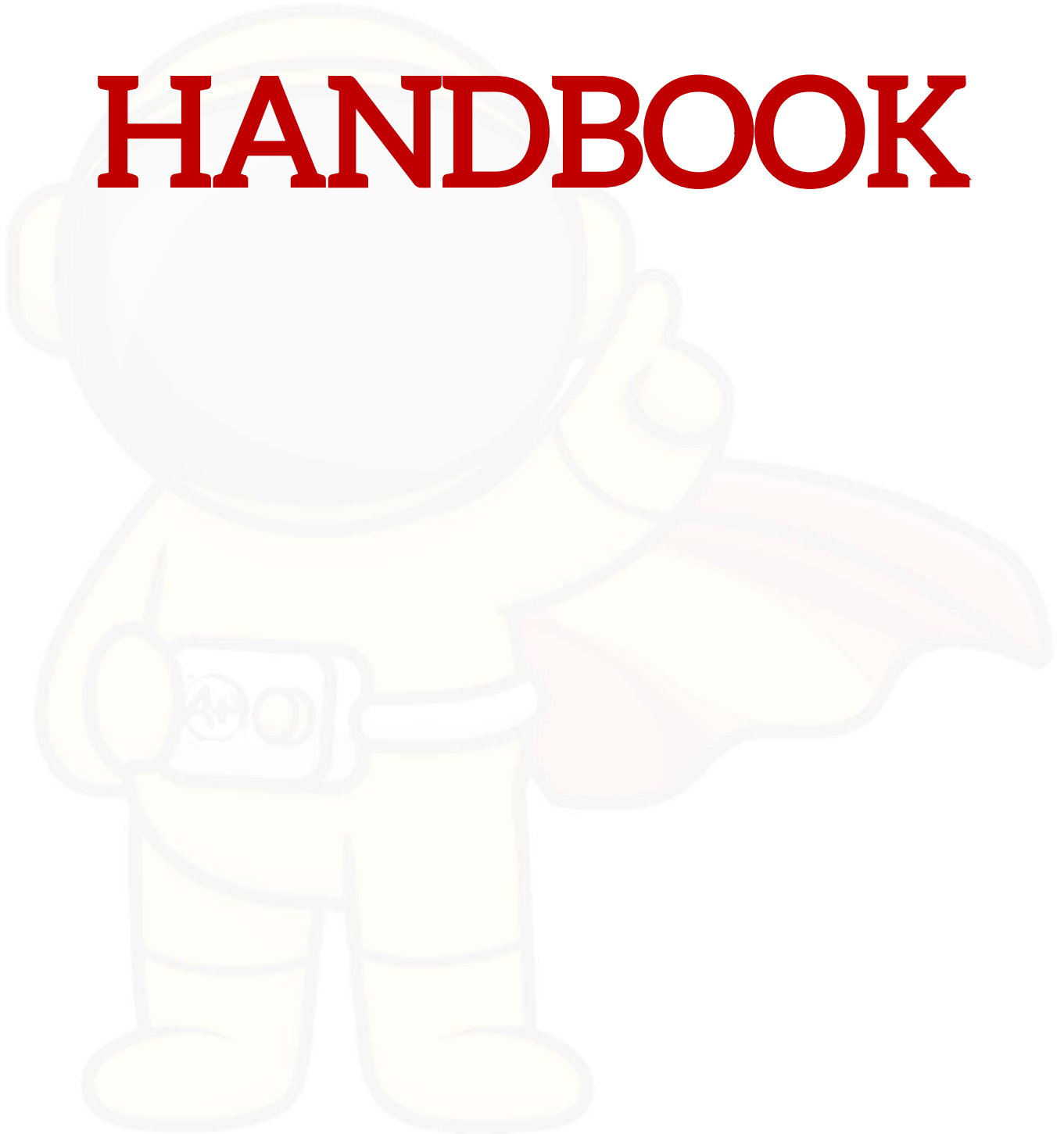


STUDENT'S HANDBOOK





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AVENIDA AL ESPAÑOL

I. INTRODUCTION

First of all, we would like to thank you for choosing Academia Avenida Andalucía to learn Spanish. We hope to live up to your expectations and that your experience studying our language, discovering our culture and living with our people, will be enriching and unforgettable, in every sense.

It is true that our staff will always be happy to help you. However, we have created this handbook with useful and helpful information, both for studying at our school and for getting around and enjoying your stay in Málaga.

1. Who we are

Located in the heart of Málaga, **Avenida al Español** is a long-established teaching centre. We have other schools in Granada (Academia Puerta Real), Córdoba (Academia Cruz Conde) and Murcia (Academia Alba).

Our teachers are highly qualified and experienced, they have proven results and something we value a lot: empathy. They will always try to make you feel at ease, with the aim of enriching your experience and boost your knowledge.

We use the latest technology to make the most of teaching and we will provide you with access to our own platform. Our philosophy: that you have all the educational tools you need to enhance your academic performance.

Avenida al Español is certified by AENOR with the ISO9001:2015 standard in recognition of its quality management system, in terms of processes, development, implementation and effectiveness, so as to meet the most demanding students' expectations.

2. Students services staff

In order to guide you in the best possible way, our administrative team has the knowledge and experience to answer any questions you may have in the most detailed and transparent manner possible. You can count on us for whatever you need!

We also have a Foreign Students Department, particularly created to assist you in Spanish, English, French and Arabic. Imane Harati will be there at your entire disposal.

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Telephone helpline for foreign students: +34 662945865



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3. Facilities

We are located just in the centre of Málaga. For us, it is crucial that our teaching staff can use the latest technologies to offer you the best advantages of the traditional teaching along with the most advanced techniques and tools. For this reason, besides having well-lit and heated classrooms, you will find an interactive screen in each of them, so that the teachers can give their lessons individually or in small groups.

4. Included with your tuition at Avenida al Español

- The weekly teaching hours contracted in the course.
- A **textbook** and the necessary teaching materials.
- Continuous assessment.
- Certificate of Achievement once the course has finished.
- Access to the platform and the recorded lessons, the teaching materials and exercises.
- **Avenida al Español Library**: free books lending service.
- Trips and extracurricular activities. The tickets to the museums is included in the following courses: Objective ELE B1, Objective ELE B2 and Objective ELE C1. For the rest of the courses, the student will have to pay for the tickets. In other activities, such as the “typical breakfast: churros” o the “día de tapas”, personal consumptions are not included.
- For the courses lasting more than three months, legal advice necessary to get the **STUDENT VISA** is included, and you will have our lawyer specialised in foreign affairs, Rocío Valero, at your disposal. If this is your case, her email is: valeroextranjeria@academiapuertareal.es



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II. ACADEMIC ISSUES

5. Our methodology

During the lessons, we practice the four linguistic skills (listening and reading comprehension and oral and written expression). Apart from the grammar contents, we also teach the cultural and historic aspects of the Spanish culture to ensure students a better linguistic immersion in the country. But classes are not our one and only activity, we also organize activities outside the class, where the students can practice their skills in real situations.

Our assessment is continuous, through different activities and tests. Besides, the teacher will personally track the students' progress and note everything in the online platform.

6. Our teachers

To achieve your goals and carry out our methodology, it is essential that our teachers are committed and have the necessary experience, empathy and vocation. Thus, the teaching staff in **Avenida al Español** have been selected taking into account all these attitudes and skills.

Rebeca Ferreiro González is in charge of monitor and lead the teachers' duties, she is our ELE Headmaster. If you need to know anything related to your learning, her email is: ele@academiaavenidaandalucia.es

7. Our courses and levels

We offer courses with the levels A1, A2, B1, B2, and C1, created according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) which allow you to achieve a specific competence required by various academic and/or professional institutions.

To reach these levels, the courses are organized in two or more modules with different objectives, communicative resources, grammar contents and detailed vocabulary with the aim that the students develop their linguistic, cultural and communicative skills in Spanish.

Each module lasts forty hours.

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A1	Módulo 1
	Módulo 2
A2	Módulo 3
	Módulo 4
B1	Módulo 5
	Módulo 6
B2.1	Módulo 7
	Módulo 8
B2.2	Módulo 9
	Módulo 10
C1	Módulo 11
	Módulo 12
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8. Timetables and modalities

Our proposal consists of an offer that we consider to be quite flexible, in order to adapt to your level and time availability:

Intensive courses:

4 hours daily.

From Monday to Friday, 9 to 11 and 11:30 to 13:30.

Semi-intensive courses:

From Monday to Friday, 17:00 to 19:00.

Customized courses

2 hours daily

9. Academic calendar 2024-2025

Our academic calendar includes the period of the courses, as well as the holidays and non-teaching days in Málaga. You can check it out at:

<https://ele.academia-malaga.es/en/ele-calendar/>

10. Online platform (academiaavenidaandalucia.es)

We have our own platform as our priority is providing you with all the necessary educational tools to boost your learning performance. Also, if you need it, you can follow the course online as if you were attending the lessons. The main philosophy to have this platform is 'in class, but at home'.

There, you will also find:

- Access to online lessons.
- Access to the recorded lessons.
- Additional learning material.
- Activities and exercises.
- A constantly evolving library where you can take any of our 454 current books.
- Non-attendance record.
- Access to continuous assessment and access to download a Certificate of Achievement after your course.
- Academic calendar of the course.
- Possibility to contact the centre, ask or suggest anything via email, phone or Whatsapp.

All the students will receive a brief tutorial on how to use the online platform.

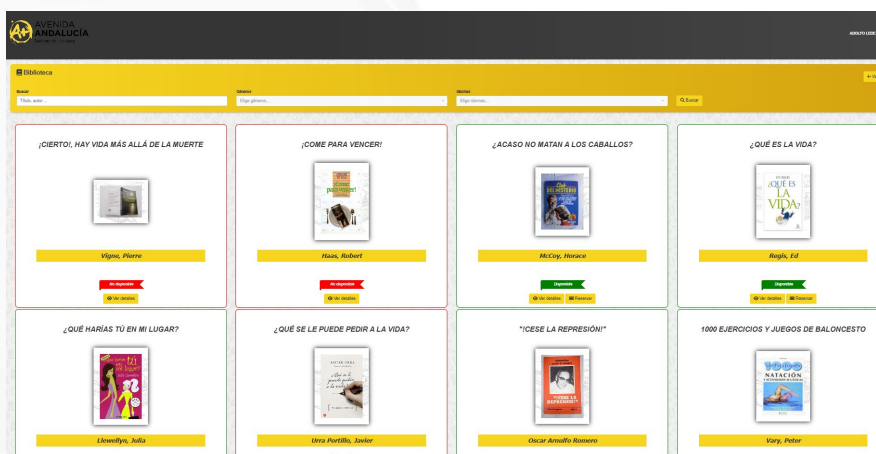


III. ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC SERVICES

11. Library

Always evolving, we now have 454 available books for you to borrow them. You can look for the title, author or category of the book and borrow it in the following 4 days. Then, you can keep it for 20 days.

If we lack a book that you need, feel free to tell us and we will try to get it.



12. WiFi

To avoid and inappropriate use of interruptions in the learning process, such as distracting the teacher or other students, and to guarantee the interaction between students and teachers, we don't recommend using the mobile phone unless we do it with educational purposes or with justified reasons.

In these cases, the WiFi net is **MOVISTAR_4010** and the password is **4WnYQSGb2s9UtQ5EgxtW**

13. Extracurricular activities

In **Avenida al Español**, we firmly believe that learning a language is not only studying the grammar. Our mindset is focused on enriching the linguistic learning experience and fostering a cultural immersion through extracurricular activities which are normally carried out throughout the course.

We understand that learning a language and understanding and appreciating its culture go hand in hand. This is why we organize activities like trips, cultural exchanges and events



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related to the language so that the students can experience the language in an authentic way. To sum up, our aim is to provide the students with a complete education which combines the language and the culture in an enriching way. These are some of the activities we offer for this purpose:

- Competitions to explore the city and improving your Spanish level.
- Enjoy a typical breakfast with 'churros'.
- Experience our cuisine in a 'día de tapas'. This activity and the precious one are free, you will only pay for your drinks.
- Cinema day: you will get to know the Hispanic culture by watching films and documentaries in Spanish in our interactive screens.
- World Book Day, with opportunities to do linguistic exchanges.
- We will explore the most emblematic neighbourhoods in Málaga.

We want the students to get the full experience of being immersed in the Spanish culture and language as they explore the beautiful city of Málaga.

Depending on the course they have contracted, the price of the tickets to museums and monuments may not be included.

14. Help us improve!

We value your opinion and we are committed to always improve. Throughout the course, we will provide you with surveys that can be fulfilled from our online platform. What is more, we offer a message service on the platform so you can send us suggestions via email, Whatsapp or phone call. We are here to listen to you and make sure that you have a rewarding learning experience. Your feedback is very important for us.



IV. INTERESTING INFORMATION

15. Living in Málaga

Living in Málaga as a Spanish for foreigners student is a unique experience:

- **Spanish culture:** Málaga is rich in history and culture. From its impressive architectural heritage to its delicious cuisine, the students can plunge into experiencing life in Spain.
- **Language:** students have the opportunity to practice and improve their Spanish level in daily life situations and in an immersive atmosphere.
- **University:** Málaga has several well-known universities, which makes it easier for students to access high quality courses.
- **Student life:** Málaga is a vibrant city, but also welcoming of students. It offers an exciting nightlife, cultural events and several meeting points for youngsters.
- **Heritage:** the Alcazaba and Castillo de Gibralfaro are emblematic monuments in Málaga.
- **Nature:** surrounded by mountains and near the coast, Málaga offers opportunities for hiking and outdoor sports, as well as beach days.

Living in Málaga as a Spanish for foreigner's student means plunge in a mesmerizing culture, learning the language in an amazing atmosphere and enjoying an exciting student life in a city with a fantastic natural and historical heritage.

"By the black water the smell of sea and jasmine. Night in Malaga."

Antonio Machado.



16. Essential places and activities in our province

Malaga is a vibrant and historic city on the Costa del Sol in southern Spain. There are some not to miss places and activities that we strongly recommend during your stay, no matter they are included or not in the course:

- **Visiting the Alcazaba:** This 11th century Moorish fortress offers spectacular views of the city and the port. It is one of Málaga's most important historical monuments.
- **Explore Gibralfaro Castle:** Located on a hill, this castle offers breathtaking panoramic views of Málaga. You can reach it on foot from the Alcazaba.
- **Visit Málaga Cathedral:** Known as "La Manquita" because of its unfinished tower, this Renaissance cathedral is a must-see.
- **Visit the Picasso Museum:** Dedicated to the famous Málaga-born artist Pablo Picasso, the museum houses a vast collection of his works.
- **Explore the Old Town:** Stroll through the narrow cobbled streets, discover the Plaza de la Merced, the Roman Theatre and enjoy the architecture and cafes.
- **Visit the Thyssen Museum:** This museum houses an impressive collection of 19th century Spanish art.
- **Walking along the Port of Málaga and Muelle Uno:** A modern promenade with restaurants, restaurants and a big wheel, perfect for a relaxing afternoon.
- **Enjoy the Malagueta beach:** One of the most popular beaches in Málaga, ideal to enjoy the sun and the Mediterranean Sea.
- **Visit the Botanical-Historical Garden La Concepción:** This subtropical botanical garden is perfect for nature lovers.
- **Enjoy the gastronomy:** Try typical dishes such as espetos de sardinas, elajoblanco, gazpacho and tapas in the local bars.
- **Attend a flamenco show:** Live an authentic cultural experience by attending a flamenco show in one of the city's tablaos.
- **Local Fiestas and Festivals:** Take part in traditional fiestas (parties) and festivals, such as the Semana Santa (Holy Week) known for its impressive processions.
- **Hiking:** Málaga is a fantastic place for hiking due to its beautiful natural environment, as long as you are well prepared for your hikes, carry enough food and water supplies and take into account the weather forecast especially in the mountainous areas. El Caminito del Rey is an example of how to enjoy nature in our province.

These activities will allow you to experience the rich history, culture, nature and beauty of Málaga. The city offers a wide range of experiences to suit all tastes, from exploring historic monuments to relaxing in thermal baths and tasting delicious local food.

17. Useful and emergency phone numbers in Málaga

If you are a Spanish for foreigner's student in Málaga, apart from counting on us for anything you may need, we consider that it is important for you to know some of the most interesting and emergency phone numbers to ensure your safety and wellbeing in the city.

Here you have a list with the most important phone numbers:



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General Emergency:

National Police Corps: 091

Civil Guard: 062

Local Police (Emergencies): 092

Local Police (Switchboard): 952 12 65 00

FirefightersMálaga: 080

Health emergency:

Health Emergency: 061

All Emergencies: 112

University Clinical Hospital: 951 03 20 00

Citizen Services:

Citizen Information: 010

Lost and Found: 951 92 61 11

Roadside assistance:

Roadside Assistance: 952 30 81 00

Traffic Control Centre: 951 92 60 27

Civil Guard: 062

Transport:

Airport Information: 952 04 84 84

RENFE Information and Booking: 912 32 03 20

Malaga Port: 952 12 50 12

Customer Service EMT (EmpresaMalagueña de Transporte): 902 52 72 00

Malaga Bus Station: 952 35 00 61

Unitaxi: 952 33 33 33

Official Centres:

Town Hall: 010 / 952 13 50 00



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Junta de Andalucía:

Citizens' Information: 902 50 55 55 05

Provincial Council: 952 13 35 00

Government Subdelegation: 952 98 90 00

Problems at university:

If you are an Exchange student or you are studying at the university, make sure you have the phone numbers of your university for academic issues or in case of emergency.

Rosa de Galvez Building: 952 13 11 11

Telephone Service: 952 13 10 00

Information Service: 952 13 13 13

Remember that these phone numbers are important for you to be safe while you stay in Málaga. It is always useful to have them handy and understand how to use them in the case of need.

Important:

If you lose your identity card, passport or any other important document, you have to call the National Police Corps.

We hope you find this information useful and that you have a full picture of what you can expect as a Spanish for foreigner's student in Málaga. If you have any additional question or need further information about any aspect of your stay in Málaga, do not hesitate to contact us.

Enjoy your time and your learning period in this beautiful city!