

ENGLISH INSTRUCTION INTERNSHIP in Valladolid, Spain

Internship Placement:

VALLADOLID, SPAIN. Internship is with United Cultures S.L., an educational company dedicated to language learning and cultural experiences.

Valladolid, Spain:

- University city of about 350,000 people located 2 hours north of Madrid, 1 ½ hours from Portugal, and 2 ½ hours south of the Cantabrian Sea.
- Located in the province of Valladolid, and in the region of Castile and León.
- Features a cathedral, ancient churches, city parks and gardens, indoor and outdoor marketplaces with fresh produce, tapas restaurants, and museums (including the Christopher Columbus House Museum, the National Sculpture Museum, and the Cervantes House Museum).
- Close proximity to historic cities such as Salamanca and Segovia, as well as medieval villages.

Desired Candidate Qualifications:

- Completion of almost all program requirements prior to internship.
- An excellent academic record.
- Highly skilled in use of English language; flexible attitude; ability to adapt to a foreign immersion experience.

Internship Activities:

- Spend 27-35 hours per week preparing and carrying out instruction with the director of United Cultures S.L. as an English Instruction Intern.
- Assist with and eventually lead instruction in English in a variety of settings, including professional offices, social centers, and private homes. (See over for details.)

Internship Timing:

- 6-credit semester internship with a flexible start date, must be available through the end of May (spring) or December (fall).
- 2-credit summer internship with a flexible start date, must be available for the month of June.
- Must complete for credit.
- 30-40 total hours of English language instruction and lesson preparation a week.
- Work Monday through Friday, with mostly free weekends.

Internship Benefits:

- Housing and meals with a Spanish host family provided.
- All local internship-related travel is provided.
- All instructional materials will be provided.
- Intern will have the option of taking a Spanish language course at *La Casa del Español* Language Academy. (Fees paid by student.)

Internship Support:

Internship site supervisor will meet with intern regularly to plan instructional activities. Intern will begin internship by observing and assisting experienced professional English teachers. Intern will learn how to develop lesson plans and find ideas for learning activities.

To apply, please contact the Experiential Learning Office for more information by calling 716.338.1381.

Applications due by December 1.

Course and Project Details

Preparation project: Daily preparation of lesson plans, ideas, activities, making games, worksheets, flashcards, evaluation of lessons, etc. All ideas, lesson plans, and evaluations will be kept in a planner and all activities placed in a folder and brought to evaluation meetings. Can be completed at home during free time. (5 hours a week)

Teaching/Evaluation Meetings with Mentor Teacher/Director of Program: Weekly meeting to discuss ideas, lesson plans, teaching techniques and evaluation of lessons given. Held one morning a week depending on the schedule of the teacher and intern. (2 hours a week)

Host Family English classes: Daily English class with the host family. 8-9 pm (just after dinner) or whatever time is best for host family and intern. Classes given at host family home. (5 hours a week)

ASPAS classes “Strategies for Learning a Second Language” Workshop: Teaching English to a mixed group of hearing and hearing-impaired children ages 5 to 9 in collaboration with ASPAS, a non-profit organization for parents of hearing-impaired children. Held in a classroom at the Civic Center José Luis Mosquera from 6:00-7:00 pm on Fridays. (One hour a week)

Group class “Playing with English”: Total of 4-6 children ages 4-5. Held in a classroom at the Civic Center Jose Luis Mosquera from 6:30-7:30 pm. (one hour a week)

Extracurricular English classes “Playing with English” and “Living English”: After-school classes at Ponce de León public school: Monday-Thursday, 4:00-6:00 pm. “Playing with English” classes are with children in preschool and kindergarten. “Living English” classes are with children 1st to 3rd grade. (Upon request by teachers and depending on intern’s availability and schedule)

“Business Calls”: Two 30-minute sessions of English by phone per student. This service is mainly requested by those that use English in their businesses via telephone calls and need to practice their conversations and improve English skills. Calls are made from host family’s landline or from United Cultures landline by the intern. (Hours depend on demand at the time of internship)

Preparatory English classes for students going to the US for the summer: Weekend classes: total of 12 hours of class divided into 2- or 4-hour segments. Dates are not set yet.

Personalized Intensive English Immersion Classes for individuals or groups: Private classes adapted to the needs of the individual or group. Any age students. (Hours depend on demand at the time and intern’s schedule and availability)

Benefits of Living with a Host Family

Living with a host family is a linguistic and cultural experience, which offers a magnificent opportunity to improve Spanish language skills while living in another country and culture. The intern will live with a Spanish family and participate in their daily routine. This experience allows the intern to be fully immersed into the Spanish culture. They will share meals together and be treated as another member of their host family. Weekends that do not require any teaching responsibilities can be spent with the host family or traveling around Spain/Europe on own.

For more information, please contact the Experiential Learning Office or:

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