

# Further education

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I attended two-week course regarding the linguistic, cultural and didactic education in Spain.

The course consisted of four lessons (one lesson lasted 55 minutes) concentrating on the further development of language and cultural skills. The teachers concentrated on speaking, grammar revision, listening and reading, they used a comparison of formal Spanish (castellano) and different dialects used in different parts of Spain and South America. The cultural information was passed on in the lessons too but also when taking part in various kinds of outings (day and night ones). The main aim of those trips walks or sightseeing was to make the Spanish environment familiar, to enable to hear the real language in the context to the course participants.

The attendees were all over the world and this fact created another attractive feature. One thing they had in common, they all spoke some English. They were not afraid to use it because of not knowing perfectly the grammar. Next, most of them had spent some time abroad before. So this stay for them was easier. The course attendees varied not only with a country of origin but also with the age. But this was not an obstacle; on the contrary, it enriched the course more.

The teachers came from all parts of Spain, also well-trained and some of them they were members of international exams committees and institutions supporting the further education. As well as the attendees, they could speak English, which proved very useful when explaining some grammar using the comparison to the English one. They introduced a wide range of didactic approaches to meet the attendees' needs. The instructors make their lessons interesting, entertaining and absorbing to all the attendees by alternating the activities. Every student was given a chance to take an active part in the lessons.

I consider this further education stay extremely enriching on teaching, linguistic and personal level.

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