

San Sebastian 2025

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With between 95/220 students studying each month the San Sebastian college offers a fabulous city/beach study environment for ALL linguistic needs from beginner through to the advanced learner (across 8 language levels on general language courses).

San Sebastian (or Donostia as it is known in the Basque culture) curves around La Concha beach. It is sheltered by Monte Urgull, Ullia and Igeldo. The city is near the border and the French influence can be seen in the ornate buildings & streets. A haven for water sports fans such as water-skiing & diving and where surfing is a way of life.

The college is located close to a large park and just 10 minutes away from the beach. It houses 18 classrooms all with air con, an open-air terrace with snacks, coffee and drink machines, a large reception area & free Wi-Fi access, a social area & library, HIFI sound system in every classroom and in all common areas, videos, overhead projectors. A second college site, near the Cathedral, with a further 7 classrooms, is used during the busy summer months. The terrace at the back of the college is where students can relax and make friends during their breaks. Overall the college, with its modern decoration offers a friendly and studios atmosphere.

The wide range of Spanish language courses on offer include general language courses, DELE preparation and the ever popular Spanish & Surfing programmes.

Minimum age: 17
Minutes per lesson: 45

Courses Available

Standard Course

20 lessons per week
Class size: max 12 people.
Ideal for all age groups (17yrs+) and language abilities. Short term programmes are perfect for those already studying Spanish, or who wish to get a feel for studying a language abroad, without making a long term commitment.

Spanish Plus Course

20 lessons, as per Standard Course, in combination with:
Surfing / Cookery

Combined Course

20 group lessons plus 5 (or 10) private lessons per week.

Private Tuition

Any Monday by request

Semester Course

12 wk courses
20 group language lessons per week at great prices, if you can start on the set dates offered each year. Very popular with students prior to University, graduates and adults looking to take a career break.

Languages for Life

8 wk+ courses
As Standard programme, in-depth study over an extended period for students who wish to reach a good to excellent knowledge and gain a solid command of Spanish for academic or professional reasons.

DELE Preparation Course

A focused 4 week course prior to the exam dates. 20 Standard group lessons + 10 mini group sessions leading to B1, B2 & C1 exams. Mini group lessons will be reduced if only 1 or 2 students enrolled. Allow €150/220.00 for exam registration fees.



Star Courses:

Standard Course, Semester Course & Spanish & Surfing

Accommodation

Arrive: **Sunday PM** Depart: **Saturday AM**

NB: Accommodation in San Sebastian within walking distance or a short bus ride from the college.

- Option 1 Host family, single room, breakfast & evening meal. B&B also offered. Shared rooms available for friends/couples.
- Option 2 Shared apartments (2 to 5 students). Self catering, single or shared room (for friends). Students must be aged 18yrs+.
- Option 3 College residence: 18yrs+ only. See online or ask for details

Course Prices Priced in Euros Alternative course durations featured on CESA Course Finder at www.cesalanguages.com

CESA Fee: €70.00 per person Books: Beginners/Elementary students need to budget for approx €50.00 for books (paid in Spain)

Summer supplements: 30 June – 29 August €35.00 per week Applied to all group courses except the Semester & Private Tuition courses

Semester Course	12 wks	Jan €1780.00	Mar €1860.00	Jun €2175.00	Sept €1860.00		
Languages for Life	8 wks	€1420.00	10 wks €1760.00	12 wks €1980.00	16 wks €2620.00	Over 50 Course	2 wks €800.00
Standard Course	1 wk	€245.00	2 wks €430.00	3 wks €615.00	4 wks €780.00	5 wks €960.00	6 wks €1140.00
Combined (20+5)	1 wk	€410.00	2 wks €760.00	3 wks €1110.00	Combined (20+10)	1 wk €555.00	2 wks €1050.00
Private Tuition (10)	1 wk	€455.00	2 wks €895.00		Private Tuition (20)	1 wk €845.00	2 wks €1675.00
Spanish & Surfing	1 wk	€344.00	2 wks €628.00	3 wks €912.00		Spanish & Cookery	1 wk €375.00

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Summer supplements: 01 June to 13 Sept: Option 1 €25.00 pr wk Option 2 €50.00 pr wk Option 3 €65.00 pr wk

Note: Dietary surcharge: €25.00 per week / Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten free, Lactose intolerant, Halal, Kosher

Option 1 /Single	1 wk	€365.00	2 wks €680.00	3 wks €995.00	4 wks €1310.00	8 wks €2570.00	12 wks €3830.00
Option 2 /Single	1 wk	€250.00	2 wks €450.00	3 wks €650.00	4 wks €850.00	8 wks €1650.00	12 wks €2450.00
Option 3 /Single, B&B	1 wk	€365.00	2 wks €735.00	3 wks €1100.00	4 wks €1445.00		

Travel: Take a taxi or the college arranged transfer service.

Transfer fees: San Sebastian: €85.00 per person, Bilbao: €190.00 per person, Biarritz: €140.00 per person, Irun/Hendaya train station: €95.00



Emily: Languages for Life

“Classes are a lot of fun. A lot of studying to do though. But mainly, I am enjoying myself! In my free time, apart from studying, I’ve been on a hike with friends and simply just experiencing the Spanish-Basque culture. But it’s the beach where I’ve been spending most of my time. After school everyday, we all head straight to the beach. Some surf and others play volleyball. Jo and I are heading to Barcelona this weekend and then after that I have one more week left!! I am very sad. I don’t want to leave. Especially now that summer has hit.”

Colin: Standard Course

“Best plan I’ve put in action for a long time. I was, as CESA stated, well taught and thoroughly trained in all aspects of the Spanish language by the language school in San Sebastian, so well that after four weeks of intensive study I’d moved up a level and was in control of a growing vocabulary (and this was despite a fairly decent intake of alcohol and the odd surfing afternoon or so, each week). Seriously though thanks to CESA for inspiring me and the school staff for making me stick to it. Consistency of study and plenty of practise ensured real results. After 8 weeks I can’t believe the progress I made!!”

Course Start Dates

Beginners start dates shown in **red**. Elementary+ levels welcome on any start date.
* = Tuesday start date, where Monday is a public holiday

month	dates				
January	07*	13	20	27	
February	03	10	17	24	
March	03	10	17	24	31
April	07	14	22*	28	
May	05	12	19	26	
June	02	09	16	23	30
July	07	14	21	28	
August	04	11	18	25	
September	01	08	15	22	29
October	06	13	20	27	
November	03	10	17	24	
December	01	09*	15#	# 1 wk max course duration	

- Semester Course:** 07* Jan, 31 Mar, 23 Jun, 29 Sept (12 wks)
- Private Tuition:** Arranged any Monday subject to availability
- Over 50 Course:** 05 May, 15 Sept
- Spanish & Surfing:** Throughout the year
- Spanish & Cookery:** Throughout the year

Public Holidays: Please note lessons lost due to holidays are partially made up (unless there is a 2nd holiday in one week, in which case one day of group classes will be lost).
Dates: 06 Jan, 18 & 21 Apr, 01 May, 25 & 31 Jul, 15 Aug, 01 Nov, 06 & 08 Dec 2025.
Closing: 22 Dec '25 Re opening: 05 Jan '26



CESA Plus Points:

San Sebastian:

Must do's include the beachfront promenade with the Old Quarter on one end and a modern shopping centre at the other ~ chill out at the beach (La Concha, La Zurriola, Ondaretta & the Santa Clara Island beach in the middle of the bay) ~ learn to surf ~ enjoy a gourmet's paradise, try fabulous pinxtos (the Basque version of tapas), and the local Basque cuisine.

San Sebastian College:

High quality language course options ~ ideal for adults & Gappers year round and very popular summer course destination ~ Spanish & Surf course is a real attraction for CESA students ~ Focused on course quality and offering excellent service.