



Instituto Cervantes



The Associate Centers Network

The Associate Centers Network is made up of institutions which are explicitly recognized as providers of quality Spanish language services by the Instituto Cervantes. The institutions which form part of this Network are called “Centros Asociados al Instituto Cervantes”, if located outside Spain, and “Centros Acreditados por el Instituto Cervantes”, if they are based in Spain. Only Accredited and Associate Centers may use the Instituto Cervantes corporate logos:



Centro Acreditado



Centro Asociado

Why study Spanish at an Instituto Cervantes Associate or Accredited Center?

The Associate Centers Network was created to promote quality and efficiency in the provision of Spanish language teaching services. Institutions wishing to join the Network must be providers of Spanish language services and meet a specific set of quality standards.

Members of the Network comply with a set of established requirements that relate to all aspects of their activity: legal status, academic performance, equipment and resources, administrative infrastructure and publicity.

Accredited or Associate Centers:

- meet a set of quality standards in the teaching of Spanish and the legal requirements for carrying out their activities;
- have adequate teaching resources;
- employ properly qualified and trained teaching staff;
- implement teaching programs that guarantee satisfactory progress;
- set a maximum number of students per class;
- provide advice and preparation for the official DELE exams (Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera);
- make information available which reflects accurately the services provided;
- specify course fees and supplementary service fees clearly;
- implement a grievance and complaints procedure.

Procedure for joining The Associate Centers Network

The procedure for joining The Associate Centers Network consists of several stages:

- Application for membership accompanied by a declaration that the center meets the minimum requirements.
- Agreement of the Instituto Cervantes to proceed.
- Inspection visit and issue of a quality report.
- Subscription of a formal agreement, if the report is positive and is applicable.

The inspection visit and the issue of the quality report is carried out by an Assessment Body: either the Instituto Cervantes itself or any of a number of approved Assessment Bodies. The Instituto Cervantes carries out spot checks periodically and renews accreditations, if applicable.

Additional Information

For further information on the Network, or to browse through the current membership, please visit The Associate Centers Network webpage at:

<http://www.centrosociados.cervantes.es>



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