

# Jaén, Spain - IP Bulletin 2014-15

## Introduction

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The IP Bulletin is the International Programs "Catalog," and provides academic information about the program in Jaén, Spain.

## General

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In Jaén, the International Programs is affiliated with the University of Jaén which is a new, modern campus with around 17,500 students. Founded in 1993, it hosts nearly 800 international students every year. The University is located 60 miles from Granada and 130 miles from the beaches of Malaga. The main campus of the University of Jaén is located in the capital city of Jaén, in Andalusia. It hosts the following faculties and schools: experimental sciences, humanities and education, law and social sciences, health studies, social work, and engineering and technology. The university has another campus in Linares, 35 miles north of Jaén, with a school specializing in civil engineering and computer studies. Information about the University can be found at their website at <<http://www10.ujaen.es/>>.

This program provides an excellent opportunity for students who would like to learn the language in a Spanish setting that facilitates rapid progress. It also allows students majoring in a wide variety of fields where an understanding of Spanish will be practical. Finally, it will add an international component to their CSU degree.

The objective of this track is to provide an opportunity for students to improve their facility in Spanish and develop a deeper understanding of the country and culture of Spain.

## Academic Calendar

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Students arrive in Jaén in early September to attend orientation.

Fall Semester courses at Jaén begin early in September and end before Christmas. After the winter break in late December and early January, students enroll in an intensive Spanish course, which is required for all students. The Spring Semester runs from late January to late May. As Spring Semester *Facultad* courses do not finish until the end of June, students enrolling in those courses must not plan their departure until after that time.

## Academic Reporting

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In addition to units and grades, the OIP reports each course attempted, to the student's campus by reporting the title of the course that was taken, and the CSU home campus department in which the course is closely related. This method of reporting means that students will need to furnish course descriptions, syllabi, and other course materials to their advisors in order to apply for credit towards specific major, minor, or general education requirements. Students should expect to complete campus-based forms (petitions, or course substitution requests) with the assistance of their advisor(s). If courses are not needed for specific degree requirements, then it is usually not necessary to complete any other forms.

Academic Reports can take a minimum of four months to finalize. Graduating seniors should take this into account when submitting their graduation forms at their home campus.

## Assessment and Grading

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Below is the grade conversion that is used to convert grades earned at the University of Jaén to the CSU.

UJ Grade	CSU Grade
Sobresaliente 9.5-10/M. Honor	A
Sobresaliente 9.0-9.4	A-
Notable 8.0-8.9	B+
Notable 7.5-7.9	B
Notable 7.0-7.4	B-
Aprobado 6.5-6.9	C+

Aprobado 6.0-6.4	C
Aprobado 5.5-5.9	C-
Aprobado 5.0-5.4	D
Suspenso 0-4.9	F

## The Academic Program

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During the academic year, students attend three terms which includes a course in January, which is considered part of the spring semester.

Below is the academic schedule for the year in Jaén, Spain:

### Fall Semester

Spanish Language (SLL 201 or SLL 202)	3
Spanish Grammar and Vocabulary (SLL 103 or 203)	3
Spanish Conversation (SLL 205)	3
Spanish for Academic Purposes (SLL 210)	3
Intercultural Communication (COM 390)	<u>3</u>
Total units:	15

### Spring Semester

Spanish Language (SLL 202 or 301 - January course)	3
Spanish Language (SLL 301 or 302)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total units:	15

Placement in SLL 201 or 202, and SLL 103 or 203 in the first semester will be based on the results of a placement test which will be given the first week of arrival.

## Courses Descriptions

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### Course Coding:

100-299 Lower Division  
300-499 Upper Division

COM Communications  
ECN Economics  
SLL Spanish Language and Literature

**SLL 103 Spanish Grammar and Vocabulary I (3):** This course is intended to provide a sound basis in basic issues in the study and expansion of Spanish vocabulary and grammar from a descriptive perspective.

**SLL 201 Intermediate Spanish (3):** Review of elementary Spanish grammar and vocabulary. Continuation of study in grammar and further practice in reading, writing, and conversation. Intended for students with two semesters of previous Spanish.

**SLL 202 Intermediate Spanish (3):** Continuation of SLL 201. Further progress in Spanish grammar and vocabulary. Continuation of study and practice in reading, writing, and conversation. Intended for students with three semesters of previous Spanish.

**SLL 203 Spanish Grammar and Vocabulary II (3):** This course is intended to provide a sound basis in basic issues in the study and expansion of Spanish vocabulary and grammar from a descriptive perspective.

**SLL 205 Spanish Conversation (3):** The objective of this course is to place students in situations of daily Spanish conversation. It will provide students the opportunity to practice their spoken Spanish through oral exercises that will permit students to acquire confidence and ease in speaking.

**SLL 210 Spanish for Academic Purposes (3):** The purpose of this course is to prepare students to study at the university. The course provides the vocabulary, speaking and writing practice necessary to engage in academic discourse in a Spanish environment.

**COM 390 Intercultural Communication (3):** This course examines the theories, concepts and practices of intercultural communication and cultural adjustment. Students will explore the relationship between communication and culture, factors which influence intercultural interactions and learn to respond to cultural misunderstandings and conflicts. (Taught primarily in English.)

**SLL 301 Advanced Spanish I (3):** Focus on vocabulary development and use of advanced grammatical constructions. (Spring only)

**SLL 302 Advanced Spanish II (3):** Continuation of SLL 301. Study of advanced grammar includes readings for comprehension of complex passages and translations as well as oral reports and written compositions. (Spring only)

### Spring Electives

**SLL 350 Contemporary Spanish Literature (3):** Introduction to contemporary Spanish literature through reading of a variety of texts. It will cover Spanish modernism and the generation of 98 and the generation of 27 concluding with current Spanish Literature. (Spring only, in Spanish)

**SLL 375 Spanish Society (3):** This introduction to Spanish society after 1898 will cover historical aspects including the Spanish Civil War. It will also look at social aspects such as the role of women, linguistic diversity in Spain, the family and education in Spain. (Spring only, in Spanish)

**ECN 310 The Spanish Economy in the European Union (3):** This course will provide an introduction to the basic elements of the Spanish economy. It will also explore Spain's development within the European Union. (Spring only, in Spanish)

**SLL 376 Spanish Popular Culture after 1975 (3):** This course will present the student with many facets of Spain. This will include cinema, music, the arts as well as social developments. The course will use newspapers, magazines, movies, television and the internet. (Spring only, in Spanish)

### University Courses: *Facultad*

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Students who have made sufficient progress as demonstrated by performance on a placement examination may be able to take one course in the *Facultad* in the Spring semester. These can be any regular university course offered at the University subject to prerequisites and availability. You can find information about the University of Jaén's tutoring program for international students, including orientation in English at <[http://www.ujaen.es/serv/vicint/home/academics\\_home.php?subtitle=cin](http://www.ujaen.es/serv/vicint/home/academics_home.php?subtitle=cin)>. At this address, you will also find additional information on courses.

#### Unit Conversion Guidelines

The University of Jaén uses the ECTS system. Each ECTS credit has a value of 0.5 CSU unit (3 CSU units=6 ECTS).

To convert the value of CSU semester units into CSU quarter units, multiply the CSU semester units by 1.5.

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