



ROMANCE LANGUAGE CENTRE

Online Language Courses

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Welcome to Romance Language Centre

Do you find yourself going through and wasting money on crash language courses that award you degrees and guarantee that you will climb the proficiency scale in a matter of 6-12 weeks if not less? Are you never quite able to speak, write, understand or read at awarded level independently nor do you feel confident as a foreign language user?

Were you taught a number of dry rules and told "because so" when you wanted to understand more?

Can you say that you understand how the language you wish to use functions?

Romance Language Centre was established in the UK in 2021 with the goal of offering quality language education based on understanding, in contrast to the global trend of crash courses that promise unrealistic outcomes for the sake of profit.

We are a team of university lecturers and teachers with over a decade of academic experience and with a strong passion for studying and teaching languages. We believe that successful language acquisition, that will result in lifelong linguistic independence and fluency, takes time, dedication and hard work. It is our expertise to assist you on your journey towards fluency and to help you learn how to learn languages successfully. Our courses are built on realistic standards for language learning, following the Common European Framework for Reference. We want to ensure that your language learning happens through understanding linguistic patterns and contexts so you would be capable of independent application of your skills and knowledge at any given time and regardless of the situation.

Our method offers high standard education about linguistic concepts, grammar and culture, all while developing the 4 main skills that lead to proficiency: speaking, reading, listening & writing. We do not support cramming nor do we give false promises and guarantees of proficiency. We are here to make your journey to mastering your target language easier by equipping you with in-depth linguistic and cultural knowledge necessary to develop and improve language skills at your desired level, however, we firmly believe that the only thing that will eventually lead to mastery is the hard work and time you are willing to invest.

Start your language learning journey with Romance Language Centre and we promise you only what we can control:

HONEST FEEDBACK
HIGH STANDARDS
REALISTIC OUTCOMES
UNDERSTANDING

Levels



Romance Language Centre's courses follow the criteria of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) that uses predetermined descriptors to specify what a learner should be able to do in their target language at each level regarding the 4 main skills: reading, speaking, listening, and writing. This serves a greater degree of uniformity and transparency in the study of foreign languages. According to CEFR, the learning is divided into six levels, starting with A1 and ending in C2. Additionally, each CEFR level consists of a different number of courses. Our current 2022 courses cover levels A1 to B1 with each level increasing in difficulty and time necessary to complete it.

Beginners should start with our Beginner 1 (A1.1.) course, however, if you have any previous knowledge you should take our compulsory test that will help us place you at the appropriate level. In order to progress to the next level, you must complete your course successfully which will include a final test.

How long does it take to learn a language?

In today's fast-paced world, there's lots of emphasis on instant gratification. The world of language learning is no exception with the rise of tourist level learning, however, all the research out there, and our own decades long experience, suggests that it takes between 400 and 2200 hours of study plus a lot of practice to learn a foreign language at a proficiency (C1-C2) level. Unfortunately, the promise of speed sells. At Romance Language Centre, speed is not a top priority. We do not want to sell unrealistic promises, but to help you achieve understanding and retention that will eventually lead to independence in use and fluency. Our students understand that, just like so many of life's most worthwhile things, learning a language takes time and effort.

CEFR recommends that it takes approximately **200** guided learning hours for a learner to progress from one level to the next. From our experience, supported by the Cambridge University, average learner will require around 100 guided learning hours to complete A1; 180+ hours to complete A2; 250-400 guided hours to complete B1, and anywhere from 500-600 guided hours to reach B2.

Our current courses include:

128 guided learning hours to complete CEFR level A1 192 guided learning hours to complete CEFR level A2 256 guided learning hours to complete CEFR level B1

CEFR Level	RLC Level	Hours	Combined hours	Duration	Price	Price per hour
A1	A1.1. Beginner 1	64 hours	128	16 weeks	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
AI	A1.2. Beginner 2	64 hours	hours	16 weeks	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
	A2.1. Elementary 1	64 hours		16 weeks	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
A2	A2.2. Elementary 2	64 hours	192 hours	16 weeks	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
	A2.3. Elementary 3	64 hours		16 weeks	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
	B1.1. Intermediate 1	64 hours		16 weeks	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
B1	B1.2. Intermediate 2	64 hours	256 hours	16 weeks	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
DI	B1.3. Intermediate 3	64 hours		16 weeks	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
	B1.4. Intermediate 4	64 hours		16 weeks	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10

Group size & Frequency



Our regular courses last for **16 weeks** and run in the morning, afternoon and evening from Monday to Sunday. Each course consists of 64 guided learning hours. Classes are given in groups of **5+ students**. Courses start every **4 months** or when enough students have enrolled.

Enrollment procedure



If you have never studied your target language, you can enroll online in a few simple steps explained below. If you want to enroll for the first time above level A1, you must do a level test in order for us to assign you to a level most suitable for you before completing the enrollment process.

If you are a complete beginner or your level has been established, simply choose one of our courses on our website or contact us at *romancelanguagecentre@outlook.com* and enroll. Enrollment is confirmed once the payment has been received.

If you are a non-beginner, in order to establish your level of knowledge and to best cater to your needs, we ask you to take a compulsory level test before enrolling. These are the steps you need to take:

STEP 1: Take the test on our website at one level below the one you wish to enroll on. Example: if you want to enroll on our A2.1. Course, please take the A1 test first.

STEP 2: If you pass it, choose the course you wish to enroll on and click **Enroll Now**. Example: if you have passed the level A1 test, proceed to enroll on the level A2.1.

STEP 3: Go to the cart and proceed with payment.

Payment methods



You can enroll online and pay by a credit/debit card, PayPal or by bank transfer.

For bank transfer payments, or if you wish to pay in installments, please contact us at romancelanguagecentre@outlook.com.

Cancellations & Refunds



Romance Language Centre reserves the right to cancel any course that does not meet the required number of students at any time **up to 24 hours** before the course begins. In the event of cancellation, we will offer you the option of a refund or credit which you can use for 1-2-1 tuition at our usual price. We can also hold your credit for maximum of 3 months, or up until the number of students has reached the minimum limit.

Once the classes have started, the fees will not be refundable under any circumstances, however, you can request a refund by email **up to 48 hours** before the start of the first class. You can request a refund via email at *romancelanguagecentre@outlook.com*.

All courses require a minimum of 5 students to run. We reserve the right to change the timetable by giving notice in advance. Classes may also be cancelled at short notice in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Attendance & Behaviour



Attendance is your responsibility, and it is essential for your progress. We ask you to inform your tutor in case you cannot attend. If you do not attend a class, you will not be able to make it up at a different time, however, you can always contact your tutor or classmate to help you catch up.

We expect all our students to behave respectfully. In case of any unacceptable behaviour that disrupts the lesson or is openly offensive to the tutor or other students, we reserve the right to remove you from the virtual classroom and the course. Please ensure that you enter the classroom with your webcam ON and that it stays on for the duration of the lesson, unless otherwise instructed by the tutor.

Textbooks



In addition to materials provided by your tutor, we will instruct you on the textbooks necessary for your course before the course begins. You will be able to purchase the correct textbooks through our library. Please ensure that by the beginning of the second week of the course the textbook is in your possession.

Technical requirements



We use the online platform Zoom to carry out our online courses. Zoom is the main international platform that allows teachers and students to be in the same virtual classroom, built to promote learning and to increase participation and memory retention. On Zoom, You will be able to follow our classes via videoconferencing, to communicate via audio and video, to access the whiteboard and to chat, sending and receiving video and audio files.

Once you enrol, your tutor will send you a welcome email and instructions. On the day of the lesson, your tutor will send you a Zoom invitation link by email 10 minutes before the beginning of the class, where you will be able to enter your virtual classroom. Please ensure that you check your junk email and add our email to the safe senders list.

To participate in our online courses successfully, please ensure that you have:

- a computer with a web camera
- · a stable Internet connection
- a functioning audio system
- Free Zoom software (downloaded and installed)

Once / twice a week 180 min / 2 x 90 min 64 hours over 16 weeks

A1.1.

Beginner 1

Comienza 1

\$£544 / €640

To enroll on our Beginner 1 (A1.1) course, no previous knowledge of Spanish is required. This is a completely beginners course. The level A1 is aimed towards students with no prior knowledge of the language. The main objective of this level is to communicate in simple way, answer and ask questions about yourself, the place you live and the people in your life. You will form simple statements about your needs, and be able to introduce yourself. Additionally, you will be able to interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

CEFR Level	RLC Level	Day	Time	Starts - Ends	Price	Price per hour
A1		Mon/Wed	18.00 - 19.30 UTC+0	7 Feb – 25 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
AI	A1.1. Beginner 1	Saturday	09.00-12.00 UTC+0	12 Feb – 28 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10

We offer A1.1. Beginner 1 course on **twice a week** or **once a week** schedule. You can choose to have **90 minutes lessons twice a week** on Mondays and Wednesdays, or 3 hours long lessons on Saturday mornings.

Example of Beginner 1 (A1.1.) course syllabus

OBJECTIVES	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY	CULTURE
 Greeting and introducing yourself and others Asking questions Giving and asking for personal information Expressing opinions Explaining Describing places Expressing location Talking about the weather Identifying objects Shopping Talking about preferences 	 Grammatical gender Definite and indefinite articles Conjugate verbs in Present tense Verbs ser, estar, llamarse and tener Personal pronouns Uses of common adverbs Using hay Contrast estar/ser Superlative Quantifiers Perifrasis verbal tener que + infinitive Verbs ir, necesitar, querer and preferir Demostratives 	 Alphabet Numbers Colours Nationalities Professions Languages Classroom objects Transport Shops House Family Physical appareance Leisure activities Geography Clothes 	 Spanish names and surnames Difference between usted/Usted/tú Spanish Royal family Christmas and Epiphany customs in Hispanic countries Stereotypes, customs, and time Transport in Spain

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A2.1.

Elementary 1

Continúa 1

\$ £544 / €640

To enter Level A2 you need to be a returning student or to test your level. At this level you can understand basic sentences and commonly used expressions regarding personal information, employment, shopping, preferences, hobbies, etc. You can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring simple exchange of information on known subjects. You are capable of describing describe in simple terms aspects of your background & environment.

CEFR Level	RLC Level	Day	Time	Starts - Ends	Price	Price per hour
A2		Tue/Thurs	18.00 - 19.30 UTC+0	10 Feb – 26 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
AZ	A2.1. Elementary 1	Saturday	12.30-15.30 UTC+0	12 Feb – 28 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10

We offer A2.1. Elementary 1 course on **twice a week** or **once a week** schedule. You can choose to have **90 minutes lessons twice a week** on Tuesdays and Thursday, or 3 hours long lessons on Saturday afternoons.

Example of Elementary 1 (A2.1.) course syllabus

OBJECTIVES	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY	CULTURE
 Talk about and describe the past Talk about skills Talk about characteristics of people and describe feelings Ask about feelings Talk about duration of actions Talk about tastes and preferences Describe and compare objects Describe locations and homes Talk about your experiences Communicate in a supermarket Express gratitude, boredom and surprise 	 Uses of ser/estar Reflexive verbs Identify and use direct & indirect object pronouns Use pretérito perfecto to talk about experiences Learn about the pretérito indefinido and its morphology Verbal periphrasis (empezar a + infinitivo; saber + infinitivo, poder + infinitivo) Use common time expressions (ayer, hoy, esta tarde) Verbs of movement and prepostions (a, de, en) 	 Have phone conversations, arrange dates and learn about the media Adjectives to describe feelings and characteristics Free time Nightlife Weddings Media vocabulary Social relationships Trips and vacation 	 Nightlife in Spain Talking to Spanish people & using body language Tourism in Cuba TV & radio in Spain Immigration in Spain Spanish weddings Spanish families and women's role Development of Spanish schools Civilizations of the Hispanic world and the Pre-Columbian era: the Mayas, the Incas, the Iberians, the Celts, the Greeks & the Aztecs

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B1.1.

Intermediate 1

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To enter Level B1 you need to be a returning student or to test your level. At this level you can understand the main points of clear input on familiar topic commonly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. You are able to communicate through common situations while travelling to the country of your target language. You can produce simple and well connected text on subjects that are of interest. You can describe events, ambitions and plan as well as give explanations for your opinions.

CEFR Level	RLC Level	Day	Time	Starts - Ends	Price	Price per hour
D1	B1 B1.1. Intermediate 1	Wed/Fri	16.00 - 17.30 UTC+0	9 Feb – 27 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
ы		Saturday	16.00 - 19.00 UTC+0	12 Feb – 28 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10

We offer B1.1. Intermediate 1 course on **twice a week** or **once a week** schedule. You can choose to have **90 minutes lessons twice a week** on Wednesdays and Fridays, or 3 hours long lessons on Saturday evenings.

Example of Intermediate 1 (B1.1.) course syllabus

OBJECTIVES	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY	CULTURE
 Talk about anectodes Give instructions, recommendations, advice and orders Tell stories in the past and confidently express the duration of actions in all scenarios Convey probability in the present, past and future Become familiar with the sequence of tenses and their temporal relationship Express wants and desires 	 Revise past tenses Learn about the morphology and use of the Pluperfect Tense imperativo negativo regular e irregular imperativos fosilizados presente de subjuntivo regular e irregular Ojalá Espero que/deseo que/quiero que Adverbs of probability: a lo mejor, tal vez, acaso, quizás futuro imperfecto y condicional simple 	 Social relationships Biographies Dreams and nightmares In the gym Human body Education Experiences 	 El Rastro in Madrid and el regateo Spanish politeness Christopher Columbus Dirty War: Argentina and los desaparecidos Spanish from America: history and present Spanish universities and education system Cinema's secrets: Crónica de una muerte anunciada Advertisement in Spain

Once / twice a week 180 min / 2 x 90 min 64 hours over 16 weeks

B2.1.

Advanced 1

Avanza 1

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To enter Level B2 you need to be a returning student or to test your level. Students in this level can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

CEFR Level	RLC Level	Day	Time	Starts - Ends	Price	Price per hour
B2		Mon/Wed	18.00 - 19.30	7 Feb – 25 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
D2	B2.1. Advanced 1	Saturday	09.00-12.00	12 Feb – 28 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10

We offer B2.1. Advanced 1 course on **twice a week** or **once a week** schedule. You can choose to have **90 minutes lessons twice a week** on Wednesdays and Fridays, or 3 hours long lessons on Saturday evenings.

Example of Advanced 1 (B2.1.) course syllabus

OBJECTIVES	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY	CULTURE
 Refer to news and comment Tell a story Express opinion Evaluate options Propose conditions Give arguments Express agreement or disagrement Give advice Hypothesize about past events Describe important life events in detail and express feelings 	 Imperfect Subjunctive: morphology and contrast with Present Subjunctive Tense agreement Verbal periphrasis with infinitive, participle and gerund Verbs of change Passive voice Impersonal constructions Understand all three conditional 	 Politics & history Free time and tourism Cities and villages Media Music & art Connectors 	 Spanish health system Colombia, Chile and Bolviia Voluntary work in Spain Second Republic Spanish employment Museum Guggenheim Diego Velázquez Etc.

Once / twice a week 180 min / 2 x 90 min 64 hours over 16 weeks

C1.1.

Higher 1

Consolida 1

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To enter Level C1 you need to be a returning student or to test your level. Students in this level can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

CEFR Level	RLC Level	Day	Time	Starts - Ends	Price	Price per hour
		Tue/Thurs	18.00 - 19.30	7 Feb – 25 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
C1	C1.1. Higher 1	Saturday	12.30-15.30	12 Feb – 28 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10

We offer C1.1. Higher 1 course on **twice a week** or **once a week** schedule. You can choose to have **90 minutes lessons twice a week** on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or 3 hours long lessons on Saturday afternoons.

Example of Higher 1 (C1.1.) course syllabus

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OBJECTIVES	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY	CULTURE
 Talk about your career Colloquialism Define complex terms Describe in detail: a portrait Differentiate between actions of process and those of result Give orders, advice and instructions Analyze statictics etc. 	 Si independiente Participio presente Expresar finalidad Correction of grammatical error El futuro y el condicional simple y compuesto para expresar hipótesis. Correlación temporal en oraciones subordinadas presente/imperfecto de subjuntivo. Oraciones y marcadores concesivos: aunque, a pesar de (que), aun + gerundio Etc. 	 Expresiones de registro coloquial La burocracia Palabras para hablar del éxito y la riqueza de un país Expresiones y frases hechas para hablar del carácter y de la actitud Léxico relacionado con el sistema educativo, los estudios y las titulaciones 	 Classical Spanish theatre Golden Age Spain in the 1960s Che Guevara & Eva Perón The legend of La Malinche Surrealism of Salvador Dalí Myths and legends of Latin America Etc.
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Portuguese Language

Once / twice a week 180 min / 2 x 90 min 64 hours over 16 weeks

A1.1.

Beginner 1

Começa 1

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To enroll on our Beginner 1 (A1.1) course, no previous knowledge of Portuguese is required. This is a completely beginners course. The level A1 is aimed towards students with no prior knowledge of the language. The main objective of this level is to communicate in simple way, answer and ask questions about yourself, the place you live and the people in your life. You will form simple statements about your needs, and be able to introduce yourself. Additionally, you will be able to interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

CEFR Level	RLC Level	Day	Time	Starts - Ends	Price	Price per hour
A1	A1.1. Beginner 1	Mon/Wed	19.45 - 21.15 UTC+0	7 Feb – 25 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10
A1 A	M.I. Beginner 1	Friday	18.00 - 21.00 UTC+0	11 Feb – 27 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10

We offer A1.1. Beginner 1 course on **twice a week** or **once a week** schedule. You can choose to have **90 minutes lessons twice a week** on Mondays and Wednesdays, or 3 hours long lessons on Friday evenings.

Example of Beginner 1 (A1.1.) course syllabus

OBJECTIVES	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY	CULTURE
 Express personal information Greetings Describe places Ask for information about places Reserve a hotel room Order in a coffee shop/restaurant Talk about everyday and current actions Express preferences Talk about hobbies and leisure activies Write a letter/email Make plans Talk about the weather Describe people 	 presente do indicativo Indefinite and definite articles Prepositions: de, em, com Interrogative adjectives and phrases Verb haver Alphabet, diphtongs and sounds Reflexive verbs Temporal averbs estar a + infinitivo Comparatives and superlatives Possessives Indirect object pronouns Imperative: use and morphology Demonstratives Prepositions para/por 	 Nationalities, countries, cities and places Numbers Professions Town, shops, house, school vocabulary Telling time Days of the week Drinks and food Everyday activities Transport Months, seasons and holidays Clothes In the post office & supermarket Family Personality traits and physical descriptions 	 Fado Manueline architecture Fernando Pessoa as tunas Portuguese gastronomy Exploring the world

Portuguese Language

Once a week

64 hours over 16 weeks

A2.1.

Elementary 1

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A 2	A2.1. Elementary 1	Friday	09.00-12.00 UTC+0	11 Feb – 27 May	£544 / €640	£8.50 / €10

We offer A2.1. Elementary 1 course on once a week schedule, on Friday mornings.

Example of Elementary 1 (A2.1.) course syllabus

Example of Elementary I (A2.1.) course synabus							
OBJECTIVES GRAMMAR		VOCABULARY	CULTURE				
 Talk about familiar actions in the past tense Descriptions in the past Understand advertisments Give advice and express opinions Express politness and ask for favours Make comparasions Talk about past actions anterior to other past actions Narrate a story Express doubt and probability Make future plans and predicitions Defend your opinions Give arguments and advice Understand newspaper articles 	 Pretérito Imperfeito Infinitivo (Im)pessoal Particípio Passado Pretérito Mais-que-Perfeito Composto Futuro Imperfeito do Indicativo Condicional Pretérito Perfeito Composto do Indicativo 	 Personal characterization Leisure activities Physical descriptions Public services Objects of utility TV and cinema Horoscope and superstitions In the restaurant Social habits and health Sports 	 History of Brazil Portuguese holidays and traditions Portugal & Spain Portugal in Africa 				

English Language

Once a week

32 hours over 8 weeks

IELTS

Academic & General



This IELTS course will prepare you to take the IELTS tests with confidence. You will have expert guidance and access to interactive practice materials covering each of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The course will help you understand the format of the IELTS exam and give you tips and techniques to improve your performance. You'll also receive guidance on independent study and resources you can use to improve your language levels before taking the exam.

Course	Day	Time	Starts - Ends	Price	Price per hour
IELTS Preparation Course	Sunday	09.00 - 12.00 UTC+0	3 Mar – 1 May	£320 / €375	£10 / €11.75

Course content includes:

- understanding the IELTS exam requirements
- test strategies to improve your performance
- focus on writing skills: accuracy, style, coherence and cohesion
- troubleshooting grammar issues
- focus on reading skills: improving speed and accuracy, and building confidence
- vocabulary building and development strategies
- focus on listening skills
- · focus on fluency and speaking
- pronunciation support

You should be aged 18 or over at the start of this course

The IELTS Preparation Course is suitable if:

- your level is IELTS 5.5-7.5
- you are planning to take an IELTS exam (Academic or General) and need extra support to prepare.

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