



## News from Seville International Business and Language Program January 15-21, 2007

Welcome to your home away from home, Sevilla! We hope that you are well and are gradually growing accustomed to your new schedule, your new city, and your host family. You have ahead of you a semester full of excitement, and we want to make sure that you make the most out of your time here with us. Don't hesitate to approach any CIEE staff member to talk about a problem or share a funny story. We are all working in different ways so that your experience here is as positive and enriching as possible.

**Elena García, Activities Coordinator**



## Academic News

### CIEE Office Hours

The CIEE office on the UPO campus is located in the *Celestino Mutis* Building (bldg. 17). Alayna is in the UPO office the following days and times:

#### UPO

- Tuesdays 10:15-1:15
- Wednesdays 10:15-1:15

When you enter the building, go up the stairs and follow the hallway that leads straight. The office is the 7<sup>th</sup> door on the right. There is sign on the door that says CIEE. Alayna's office hours in the Academic Office in the University of Sevilla are:

#### U de Sevilla

- Monday 9:00-5:00
- Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons
- Thursday 9:00-5:00
- Friday 9:00-14:00

The CIEE Academic Office is located in the Philology Department. Enter in through the *Puerta del Derecho* (where everyone met before the UPO tour). Take a left and go through the large brown doors at the end of the corridor. Follow the hallway, take a right, then another right. There is a sign near the door that says CIEE. You can also contact Alayna by email [abrown@ciee.org](mailto:abrown@ciee.org)

## **UPO Orientation**

The orientation regarding your regular session classes is Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5pm-8pm at the Paraninfo (in front of the new cafeteria). During the orientation, you will receive the results of your placement exam, course schedules, academic policies, further information on the sports facilities/activities, etc. After the orientation there will be a welcome reception where you will have meet other students in the program as well as your professors. Please remember that your attendance is mandatory and please be punctual!!

## **The UPO Library**

If you have not picked up information on how to access the books in the library, computers, etc., you can pick up an information sheet in the Center for Foreign Studies office in Building 14.

Wireless internet is available on the campus. If you have not been able to configure your laptop, there is a step-by-step guide in English that you can follow. You can pick up this guide in the Center office as well. You will need to have your username and password information. If you have not picked up this information, it is available in the Center office. Some of you may not yet have a username because your passport information was incomplete/incorrect. Stop by the office this week to see if your user information is ready.

## **General News**

### **Print-outs in the Palacio**

As you know, we offer you the opportunity to print out your academic papers in the Palacio. In order for everything to go smoothly, we're going to use the following system: everything that you print out must be of an academic nature; send it to Chris at [crudis@ciee.org](mailto:crudis@ciee.org); documents will be printed at the end of the day, and only at the end of the day, so therefore, if you have to turn in a paper on Wednesday, send it to us, at the latest, on Tuesday, or if you need to turn in a paper on Monday, send it to us the preceding Friday before 13.00h (remember that the Palacio closes at 14.00h on Fridays); when the papers are printed, we will put them in your mailbox next to the stairs.

### **Eating in the Palacio**

Let's get the semester off to a clean start! As in many places in Spain, you may not eat anywhere, and especially not in class. If you want to eat in the Palacio, you may do so in the Aula Jaén on the lower floor from 14h to 15h. Thanks for your collaboration.

### **Cultural Visits**

Remember that it's essential to read the *News from Seville* every week and pay close attention to sign-up deadlines. After this week, we will assume that you are familiar with the system and know how to sign up for trips and excursions. Therefore, if you miss the deadline, you will not be allowed to go on the visit.

### **Cultural Visit This Week**

On Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> there is an excursion to the Alcázar de Sevilla. It is one of the most emblematic buildings in the city, where a variety of cultures have passed through. You only have to pass by aula Almería to sign up before 12:00h on Wednesday. Meet the guide at the puerta del León del Alcázar at 16:30h. Don't forget your student ID.

### **CIEE Sports**

Get excited to start the semester off right by playing some sports. We offer a few different options, and we guarantee a good time. It's not necessary to be good at any of these sports to participate, just to feel like giving it a shot and having some fun. Remember that these activities are always free and you can bring friends.

**Basketball:** Irene will be at the puerta de Derecho on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 18:15h to take you to the IFNI sports complex to play basketball. Remember that you need to bring your buss pass, since we'll be taking the bus.

**Volleyball:** Laura will be waiting for you at the puerta de Derecho on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 18:15h to take you to the IFNI sports complex to play volleyball. Remember that you need to bring your buss pass, since we'll be taking the bus.

**Soccer:** Laura will be waiting for you at the #43 bus stop in Plaza de la Magdalena on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 19:30h to take you to the field at Charco de la Pava. Wear your sports clothes because there aren't any changing rooms. Also, remember to bring your bus pass.

### **Recharging Your Phone Card, Buying a Bonobus, etc**

This information came from a fellow classmate...for those of you who have Vodafone (may be other companies as well), you can recharge your phone in the campus store on the first floor in the Celestino Mutis building. They also sell cell phone cards and sell the *bonobus mensual* as well.

## **Interested in participating in Sports at the UPO???**

Want to get involved in sports activities, here's what you need to do:

### Sports Card

If you want to join a sports team such as basketball, rugby, volleyball, soccer, etc with Spanish students you will need a Sports Card. CIEE/Center for Foreign Studies will cover the cost of the sports card. Go to the Sports Office (SDUPO) in Building 14. Tell them 1) Your name, 2) that you are a student in the Foreign Studies Center and 3) The activities in which you would like to participate. If you only need the Sports Card, there is no cost.

### Joining the Gym

If you are interested in joining the gym, you will have to pay the registration fee (13€) plus the monthly fee (15€ one month or 34€ for three months) at the Banco Santander (there is a bank located in the Celestino Mutis Building). Keep a copy of the "carta de pago" (receipt) and give it to Alayna. CIEE will reimburse you the Gym Registration Fee (Note: the bank only accepts cash in the mornings.) Please note that if you register for the gym in the middle of the month (say January 18<sup>th</sup>), the monthly gym membership ends at the end of that same month. For your sports card and/or joining the gym, you will need to bring 2 passport size photos as well

## **Intercambios**

If you want to improve your Spanish this is a great way to do it! In addition to the Intercambio Program in CIEE, you can take advantage of the Intercambio Program at the UPO. There are many Spanish students eager to meet an American student to improve their English. Stop by the Center office at the UPO and speak with Arek or Carolina.

## **ISIC Card**

The international student identity card offers discounts on trips around Europe, from transportation to museums to movies, and it only costs 6€. Get yours at Viajes Columbus, C/ Muñoz y Pabón. For more information go to [www.isic.org](http://www.isic.org).

## **Important Dates for this month:**

*Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>*: Spanish Placement Exam/Last day of Intensive Session

*Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>*: UPO Orientation/Reception

*Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>*: Regular Session Begins

*Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>*: Make-up Class (Monday's class)

## **Things to do in your free time:**

### **Half Marathon**

On Sunday, January 28th, the XII annual Half Maratón will take place on the Isla de la Cartuja at 11.00h. Registration is only 8€, and you can sign up until January 25th in the Polideportivo Municipal de San Pablo de Sevilla from 16.00h to 21.00h or by fax (ask Elena for more details).

### **Hiking Trip**

If you would like to go on the whole day hiking trip, you can sign up in the Center office with Mentxu. In order to go on the hiking trip, you will need to sign up in the SDUPO (sports office) and get a Sports Card. The cost of the trip is 3 euros, which will be refunded to you if you go. You will need to bring a packed lunch as well. The bus leaves from the campus at 8:30am.

### **Cooking Course**

M<sup>a</sup> Carmen teaches foreign students how to cook Spanish-style. Her course is taught in Triana. For more information, call her at 954 342139 or 617 452 218.

### **Ceramics Course**

Ena and Pepa want to remind you that anyone can bring out his or her "artist within" through ceramics. Classes start this week. You can reserve a place by calling 647 022 088. Courses are taught in Nervión.

### **Curso de Sevillanas**

Valle is offering Sevillanas lessons for 10€ per session. To get your dancing moves ready for the Feria de Abril, call her at 617 219 821, so that you can get more information. Classes are given in the Center, c/ Rioja.