



## To Whom it May Concern

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### Certificate of Continuing Education in Spanish

The School of Humanities at the University of Strathclyde is delighted to invite applications for the **Certificate of Continuing Education in Spanish** in the academic session 2017-2018.

The Certificate of Continuing Education (CCEd) is an intensive beginners' class that will bring you up to first-year university standard in a year, with the option of continuing your studies into second year and up to university pass degree level within three years.

These evening degree programmes comprises undergraduate level modules in the language at first, second and third-year levels. The two first-year modules, ***Introduction 1A*** and ***Introduction 1B***, are intensive beginners' classes. They are suitable for people with some or no knowledge of the language but with previous experience of language learning, and would equally suit those with qualifications in the language from some years ago who wish to refresh their knowledge.

The CCEd provides a **General Teaching Council approved qualification** and has in previous years appealed to candidates from diverse backgrounds including:

- professional people with an interest in the Spanish-speaking world and their languages (journalists, marketing consultants, entrepreneurs, etc.)
- secondary school teachers wishing to acquire an additional language
- teachers of classics
- primary school teachers
- musicians

Even though you could potentially have a university pass degree level within three years, there is no need for you to make a long term commitment, since enrolment will initially be for one year and renewable on an annual basis. You will be free to opt out at any stage. On completion of the full course, you will qualify for the award of the **Certificate of Continuing Education**.

Although this class is offered on a part-time evening basis, it mirrors the courses taken by our full-time undergraduates, and will be taught by the same university staff, many of them native speakers, who also teach the day-time students. You will therefore be guaranteed access to genuine university standard courses on a part-time basis, leading to a reputable qualification, and you will have access to the same university facilities enjoyed by full-time students, including libraries, the Students' Union and computing facilities.

### **Organization of the course**

The classes are offered on a one evening per week basis over 22 weeks, and will follow the normal day-time University teaching semesters (i.e. from September to December and from mid-January to May). The examination period will be between late April and late May.

Please note that courses will only run once the minimum number of enrolments has been met. Enrolments permitting, classes will begin in mid-September. Please note that in exceptional cases, we will consider late applications. Please enquire if in doubt.

All classes take place in the University's city centre campus, and are of three hours in duration between 6pm and 9pm. First Year (Monday); Second Year (Tuesday) & Third Year (Wednesday)

### **Fees**

In 2017-18 registration fees for the CCed courses are £850 (£425) for each 20 -credit module) all inclusive (**please note that students who under exceptional circumstances are allowed direct entry into 2nd semester of the course will have to pay the full £850 for the course**), covering 22 weeks of tuition and examination fees. If you plan to undertake the course for reasons of continuing professional development and could make a case to this effect, you might wish to approach your employer for support. If you are a practising teacher you could approach your school or local education authority. Permanent teachers currently employed by Glasgow City Council should contact Gillian Campbell Thow ([Gillian.Campbell-Thow@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Gillian.Campbell-Thow@glasgow.gov.uk)) ([Gillian.Campbell-Thow@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Gillian.Campbell-Thow@glasgow.gov.uk)), who has indicated that funding might be available for teachers wishing to study for a CCed. A good number of the teachers in post who have recently completed the CCed course in Spanish were in receipt of full or partial funding from their schools or local authorities.

The Certificate provides a **General Teaching Council approved qualification**, subject to a 13 week residency period in a Spanish speaking country. For further information on professional recognition and registration, please see the GTC Scotland links below: <http://www.gtc.org.uk/registration/professional-registration.aspx>

For further information on the residency requirement, please contact:

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If you think you might potentially be interested in enrolling in the course in September 2017, please contact Lidia Acosta for Spanish at the address at the foot of this page.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

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