



To Whom it May Concern

June 2016

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 2016-2017.

These evening degree programmes will comprise 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 secondary school teachers wishing to acquire an additional language, primary school teachers, teachers of classics, musicians and a range of professional people with an interest in the Spanish-speaking world and their languages.

The intensive beginners' classes will bring you up to first-year university standard in one year, with the aim of allowing you to continue your study of the language into second year and up to university pass degree level within three years. There is no long-term commitment, however, since enrolment will initially be for one year and renewable on an annual basis. You will be free to opt out at any stage. Direct entry to the second year may also be possible for suitably qualified applicants (normally within 5 years), and the University will grant full recognition and credits for previous study. On completion of the full course, you will qualify for the award of the **Certificate of Continuing Education**.

Although these classes are offered on a part-time evening basis, they will mirror 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 and the Students' Union and computing facilities. Similar courses in languages have proved to be a valuable resource for practising teachers wishing to acquire a new language or to top up existing university study.

The classes will be offered on a one evening per week basis over twenty-two 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 mid April and end of May. Enrolments permitting, classes will begin in late September. Since full-time students have a period of grace in which to change courses, it will be possible to accept late applications after this time. Please enquire if in doubt.

All classes will take place in the University's city centre campus, and will be of two and a half hours duration. First Year (Monday); Second Year (Tuesday) & Third Year (Wednesday); at times to be agreed between 6pm and 8:30pm.

In 2016-17, registration fees for the CCEd courses are £800 (£400 for each 20 -credit module) all inclusive (**please note that students who are given direct entry into 2nd semester of the course will have to pay the full £800 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. 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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Please see the following page for an outline of the programme structure. If you think you might potentially be interested in enrolling in the course in September 2016, please complete the application form which has been enclosed and return it to Lidia Acosta for Spanish at the address at the foot of this page. Please see the following page for an outline of the course structure.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

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Outline of Course Structure

Year 1

Introduction 1A (20 credits at SQF level 7)

10 x 3-hour evening meets (September to December)

Introduction 1B (20 credits at SQF level 7)

10 x 3-hour evening meets (January to Easter + May examinations)

Year 2

2A (20 credits at SQF level 8)

10 x 3-hour evening meets (September to December)

2B (20 credits at SQF level 8)

10 x 3-hour evening meets (January to Easter + May examinations)

Year 3

3A (20 credits at SQF level 9)

10 x 3-hour evening meets (September to December)

Studies Class (i.e. History, Literature, Cinema) (20 credits at SQF level 8)

10 x 3-hour evening meets (January to Easter + May examinations)