



# JOINT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**ICUSTA  
LECTURE  
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## Justification of the Session

- Importance of collaboration in academic subjects among ICUSTA member universities.

## Goals of the Session

- To know about different experiences.
- To present new proposals for collaboration.
- To define a great new project:  
**ON -LINE THOMISTIC PROGRAM  
FOR ACADEMICS.**

# Experiences

- ICUSTA LECTURES

- A highly successful program between Houston and Universidad Santo Tomás de Chile *that would be interesting to extend to other universities*
- **It consists on:** the university of origin chooses and finances the transfer of an academic for one week to another ICUSTA university (that finances his/her lodging) in order to give a master class in the university he/she visits and to meet with other investigators, with students... **The aim is to foster research, publications and other shared projects as a result.**

# Experiences

- DOUBLE DEGREES BETWEEN ICUSTA UNIVERSITIES
  - MBA UCAV /UST. Experience. Own Double Degree

Universidad Santo Tomás de Chile MBA students take their own degree in the UCAV in a supplementary way thus obtaining a double degree.

- It is feasible to establish credit recognition systems for official degrees in order to get a Spanish official degree which complements the one obtained in their country of origin.

# Experiences

- ICUSTA GLOBALIZATION COURSE.

Model project of academic collaboration between universities of ICUSTA which is based on the use of new technologies. Such project will be introduced by two people who are directly related to it:

- Current Director: Francisco Oteo, Universidad Abat Oliba
- A professor of the UCAV who has taught the program in several versions: Enrique Sánchez Solano.

# New Proposals of Collaboration

From the UCAV we want to promote two other actions before giving way to the Proposal of the Thomistic Training Program for Academics, the first being :

*a) Spanish Teaching Program*

*AULCE* (Spanish Acronym)

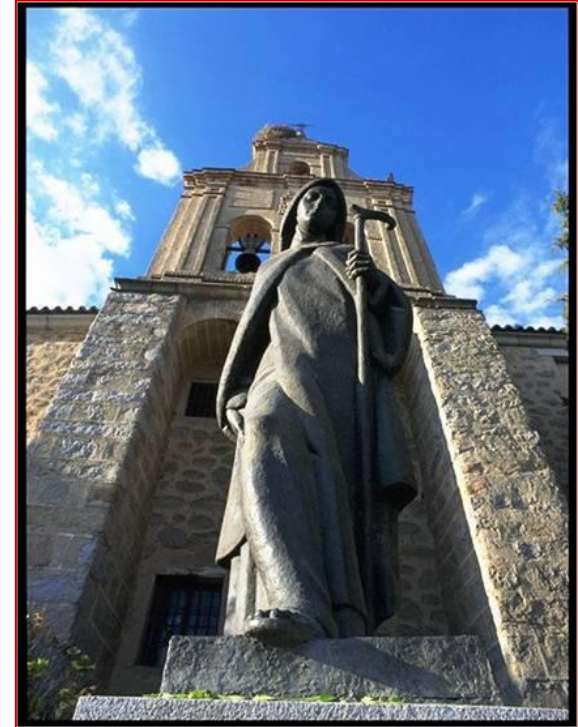
# Classroom of Spanish Language and Culture

The AULCE program began in 2001. Ever since, it has provided students with an incomparable opportunity to learn and improve the Spanish language, as well as to deepen the knowledge of such culture and civilization. It is an academic quality program taught by teachers with vast experience.



## COURSES:

- Spanish Language
- Spanish Culture and Civilization
- Spanish for business
- Spanish for healthcare professionals
- Mystical Literature in Spanish or in English  
(Saint Teresa of Ávila / Saint Juan de la Cruz)
- An overview of Spanish literature
- Introduction to Literary Analysis



Courses last 4 weeks (4 credits/course). Students who do not need university credits are able to attend as unregistered students.



Likewise, the program also includes excursions to cities and places of notable tourist interest (Segovia, Salamanca and Toledo), as well as to Carmelite places that are uniquely attractive (Fontiveros, where Saint Juan de la Cruz was born, and Alba de Tormes closely linked to Saint Teresa de Jesús).



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## Volunteer work

Other activities for those who may be interested are: to be able to engage in volunteer work in the diocesan center for the disabled or in residences for the elderly, to attend the traditional novenas of Our Lady of Mount Carmel celebrated in July in several churches of Ávila, or to participate in the University prayer groups.

# New Proposals of Collaboration

- b) Organization of on-line Research Conferences.*
- c) Preparation of joint impact publications.*

# Macro Collaboration Proposal

- **Title:** Course of expertise in St. Thomas: work and spirit
- **Target group:**
  - Teachers and PAS
  - - Bachelor degree students of the ICUSTA universities network, of universities with agreements with these universities;
  - - Bachelors from other universities.\*
- **Organizes:** ICUSTA
- **Certification:** 3 ECTS (80 hours of training activity) recognized by the ICUSTA-Network
- **Metodology:** distance learning / on line
- Possibility of a face-to-face session.

# Expertise course in Saint Thomas: work and spirit

- **Program:**

## Block 1. Propedeutics (15 hours)

- Introduction to Philosophy
- St. Thomas in his time: life
- Historical-ecclesiastic context
- The intellectual challenges of Saint Thomas
- The medieval way of philosophizing: dialectics

## Block 2. The theological doctrine of St. Thomas (25 hours)

- The dialogue between faith and reason
- God
- Foundations of the Catholic faith: creed, sacraments, commandments.

## Block 3. Anthropology of St. Thomas (25 hours)

- Theological and philosophical anthropology

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## Block 3. Anthropology of St. Thomas (25 hours)

- Theological and philosophical anthropology
- Knowledge
- Ethics and politics

## Block 4. Saint Thomas for our time (15 hours)

- The spirit of Saint Thomas: ongoing doctrine and philosophical attitude
- Thomism
- Current dialogues with St. Thomas: phenomenology, existentialism, personalism
- Facing current intellectual challenges

**Requirements:** In order to obtain this certificate students must attend 80% of virtual classes of seminars and to carry out the required training activities.

# Expertise course in Saint Thomas: work and spirit

## Formative activities:

- -Experts lectures (videoconferences). 4 per block.
- - Self-study
- - Participation in international seminars/conferences (organized by ICUSTA)

**Assessment:** Students will be evaluated through a final assignment and /or an on-line assessment test.

**Certificate:** The certificate of the course can be obtained by passing a final assessment test.

## Course objectives:

## TEACHER TEAM

Director/ Coordinator

THANK YOU VERY  
MUCH!