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**ONE TEAM, ONE  
DREAM  
ROAD TO LA LIGA**



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**FC Odisea Academy** provides talented players from across the globe the opportunity to experience a one of a kind football programme.

From daily training delivered by UEFA Pro Licensed Coaches to a world class fixture schedule, we provide a truly unique footballing experience enabling players to thrive on and off the pitch.

Based in Castellón, players are fully submerged in a full time football programme with the one goal of achieving footballing success.

We're proud to have built relationships with some of Europe's most successful clubs, in recent seasons coming up against the likes of Valencia CF, Villa-real CF, Levante, CD Castellón, and many more.

Represented by players from over 25 countries across 6 different continents, we provide a truly unique opportunity to connect with people from around the world.





## ACADEMY

Our u19's squad has long been the flagship team of our academy. To think that we are now competing regularly on a nation scale against some of Spain's biggest clubs, including Levante, Valencia and Villarreal is truly humbling and our success and reputation continues to grow year upon year. Because of this, the opportunities that we are able to offer are unrivalled; we strive to provide players with the platform they need to reach their full potential.



## UNDER 23s

FC Odisea Under 23s provides the perfect transition from youth football into senior football.

Competing in the Spanish League System, players can adapt to the physicality and style of play whilst also being regularly monitored by professional clubs across the country.



## SENIOR

FC Odisea Seniors is the pinnacle of the academy system, competing in the Castellón Primera Division (Castellón), the Fifth tier of Spanish football.

With players from all around the world, the club has developed a strong local fanbase and aims to be the heartbeat of the community.







# DIRECTORS

## **XIMO BADENES** SPORTING DIRECTOR

UEFA PRO Coach  
Coach at Villarreal C.F.  
Head Coach at C.D. Castellón  
Technical Director of C.D. Castellón  
Teacher at UEFA Coaching License  
And More Pro Experience.

## **DAVID MOLINER** ACADEMY DIRECTOR

UEFA PRO Coach  
Coach at Arsenal FC  
Coach at CA Boca Juniors  
Head Coach at C.D. Castellón  
Technical Director of FC Pune City  
Scout of Arsenal FC and AS Monaco

## **JAVIER ALCARIA** SPORTING DIRECTOR

USSF B Coach  
UEFA B Coach  
Master in Sports Law from ISDE  
Double Degree in B.A & B.S.  
Played at Villarreal C.F.  
Played at C.D. Castellón

## **VASILEIOS MANDILARIS** SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR

Bachelor of Business Administration  
M.S. in Analytics from GIT  
Professional Coach and Player  
Placed student athletes in  
universities like UNC Chapel Hill,  
Virginia Tech, Fordham & More

## **GERARDO SAMAYOA** SCOUTING DIRECTOR

USSF B Coach  
LAFC Head Coach U16  
CSU Northridge – Degree on  
Kinesiology & Exercise Science  
Johan Cruyff Institute - Master's on  
Sports Management

## **STEFAN STOICA** STRATEGIC ADVISOR

Head Coach Shijiazhuang Hebei F.C.  
Head Coach of SIPG F.C  
Technical Director of SIPG F.C  
Technical Director of C.D. Burriana  
UEFA PRO Coach  
PhD In Football Management

## **DR. ANGEL COTORRO** MEDICINE DIRECTOR

Medical Director of Mapfre Clinic  
Doctor of Rafael Nadal  
University of Medicine in Santander  
– Degree in Medicine and Sports  
Medicine.  
Spain Olympic Team Doctor

## **DAVID TAYLOR** PLAYERS MENTOR

Minnesota United FC. Pro Player  
United States u18 National Team  
Played for Torrelevante D.H.  
UEFA B Coach  
USL Championship Top Eleven  
Pro Player in the MLS

## **CARLOS BADENES** CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

Degree in Sport Law from UV.  
Master in Football Law from La Liga  
Degree in Criminology from UV.  
Part of Marco Verdejo Law Firm  
Played at Villarreal C.F.  
Played at C.D. Castellón



# COACHING STAFF

## **RODRIGO PASCUAL** HEAD COACH

UEFA PRO Coach  
Ex-Professional Player  
Technical Director at CF Oropesa  
Head Coach at CD Castellon  
Assistant Coach at Villarreal C.F.  
Head Coach CF Torreblanca

## **JAVIER PRATS** ASSISTANT COACH

UEFA PRO Coach  
Coach at Villarreal  
Head Coach at C.D. Castellón  
Technical Director of CF Borriol  
EX - Professional player of  
Villarreal, Valencia, Levante etc.

## **GERARDO ORTOLANI** FITNESS COACH

UEFA PRO Coach  
Fitness Coach at Club Atlético  
Rosario Central and Club Atlético  
Alvarado  
Degree in Sports Science  
Master in Sports Science

## **JULIO CLEMENTE** GOALKEEPER COACH

UEFA PRO Coach  
Goalkeeper Coach at C.D. Castellón  
Goalkeeper Coach at Villarreal CF  
Goalkeeper Coach at C.D. Roda  
Degree in Sports Science  
Master in Sports Science

## **SANTIAGO PAPUCI** SPORT PSYCHOLOGIST

Degree in Sports Psychology  
Master in Emotional Intelligence  
Expert in Mindfulness  
Worked at SASM  
Worked at ASIEM  
Worked at NEURAL

## **MARIA DALMAU** ATHLETIC TRAINER

Athletic Trainer at Villarreal C.F.  
Athletic Trainer at C.D. Castellon  
Degree in Physiotherapy  
Master in Physiotherapy at CEU  
Pro Player at C.F. Villarreal

## **ALFONSO CALVO** ATHLETIC TRAINER

Athletic Trainer at Villarreal C.F.  
Athletic Trainer at C.F. Fomento  
Degree in Physiotherapy  
Master in Physiotherapy  
Athletic Trainer for CD. Castellon  
Certificate in Sports Psychology

## **OLGA NAVARRO** NUTRITIONIST

Chef at Restaurant Era Blanca  
Over 25 years of Experience  
Degree in Culinary Arts  
Certificate from ICL in Sport  
Nutrition & High Performance  
FIFA Diploma in Sports Medicine

## **JOSE BARBERA** KIT MANAGER

Kit Manager for CD. Futur Castellon  
Kit Manager for CD Castellon  
Kit Manager for Primer Toque





### **Facsa Campos de Fútbol**

Based in Castellón  
FIFA Certified Astroturf  
CrossFit & Gym Facilities  
10 Minute Ride From Housing

### **La UJI**

Based in Castellón  
FIFA Certified Astroturf Pitch  
CrossFit & Gym Facilities  
10 Minute Walk From Housing



### **Gaeta Huguet**

Based in Castellón  
Astroturf Pitch  
CrossFit & Gym Facilities  
10 Minute Bus From Housing



### **Chencho Sports Pitches**

Based in Castellón  
Astroturf Pitch  
Multi Sport Pitches  
10 Minute Bus From Housing





# LIFESTYLE FACILITIES

## Housing

The Academy provides luxury accommodation for players across a variety of apartment complexes and student residences locations in Castellón.

All housing include Wi-Fi, Air Conditioning, En-Suite Bathrooms and Kitchen.

Accommodation premises are located in the heart of the town and are just a 10-15 minute walk from our main training center, stadium, gym and team restaurant.



## Restaurant

- Two Meals Per Day
- Meal Plan by Nutritionists
- Mediterranean Restaurant
- Suited To Your Dietary Needs



## Indoor Football

- Exclusive To Academy Players
- Custom Workout Plans
- State-Of-The-Art Equipment
- Both Team and Individual Sessions

## Performance Center

- State-Of-The-Art Facility
- Full Indoor & Outdoor Space
- Team Workouts





# HIGH SCHOOL

**FC Odisea Academy** is committed to providing a fully online and accredited online high school program that is flexible, accessible, and affordable alongside our full time football program.

Our education program is a fully online, fully accredited (UC Approved), online high school. We offer part-time and full-time programs for K-12th grades that are taught by highly qualified teachers and all students are eligible to apply for/receive financial aid from every college and university in the United States.

## College Approved

- Comprehensive courses that meet all A-G requirements.
- All students upon graduation are eligible to apply to and receive scholarships from universities like Yale, UC Berkeley, Harvard, and UCLA.

## Fully Accredited

- Advanced: Non-profit organization that guarantees the quality and rigor of the online curriculum.
- WASC: With WASC accredited teachers, your student will be taught accredited classes taught by accredited teachers.

## Highly Qualified Teachers

- Credentialed: All teachers have received their teaching credentials for the courses they teach.
- Support: In addition to teaching, all teachers monitor student progress and provide one-on-one instruction if needed.

## Flexible

- Family Oriented: Build a schedule that works for your student and your family.
- Individualized Courses: All courses are built around your students individual academic plan/goals.
- Rolling Enrollment: Students can begin class at any time and receive full credit.

## Affordable

- Tuition: Our courses have been priced for competitive student athletes by professional athletes.
- Online Only Options: All courses can be taught in a fully online classroom environment with no in-person tests required.
- Blended Options: If you prefer a mix of in-person and online schooling we have partnered with locations all over the world to provide your students a place to learn complete with everything they need to succeed in school.
- All Books Included: All textbooks are provided through our online program so no expensive textbooks required.

## Partnership

- Communication: All instructors are available Monday through Friday for questions from parents or students.
- Services: dedicated to learning and faith and we offer a wide range of options for your student to expand their mind.
- Counseling: All parents/students are provided with a counselor who ensures your student stays on track for graduation.
- College Prep: All high school students are provided with a college counselor who assists them with the application process and works with them to find the right school for them.



A low-angle shot of a white stone building with many windows. Several black graduation caps with red tassels are flying through the air, and hands are visible at the bottom reaching up.

# COLLEGE PREPARATION

**FC Odisea Academy** and [OSM Scholarship](#) work together to prepare and develop our student athletes into future professional players or top student athletes prospects for the NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA Universities.

OSM Scholarships is one of the world's leading college recruitment specialist with over 5 years of experience in educating, guiding and placing student-athletes in to the US College system.

FC Odisea Academy graduates take advantage of our partnership with OSM Scholarships and have been successfully placed in to the best US Colleges.

All of OSM Scholarships staff members are former college student athletes or coaches and hold extensive experience and network within the US College System. By partnering up with OSM Scholarships, we at FC Odisea Academy feel that we can facilitate a straight forward pathway for players that strive to compete in the US.

An aerial view of a large university campus with many buildings, green spaces, and a large stadium in the foreground. A body of water is visible in the background.

# OSM SCHOLARSHIPS

Connecting student athletes with American Universities

Get Started



# COLLEGE



## STUDY FOR A U.S. DEGREE & PLAY A 10 MONTH SOCCER SEASON

**FC Odisea** is committed to providing a fully online and accredited online US Degree program that is flexible, accessible, and affordable alongside our full time football program.

1. **ACCREDITED ONLINE DEGREES**
2. **NO SET TIMES OR LOCATIONS**
3. **TOP - RANKED DEGREE PROGRAMS**

**FC Odisea** offers degree programs through our online platform, in partnership with Purdue University, Colorado State University Global and Southern New Hampshire University.

We are proud to offer full and part time – 2 year and 4 year degree programs and master degrees.

We want you to achieve your goals with an accelerated undergraduate & master degrees with FC Odisea. Our career-driven programs are based on real-world concepts and provide career-relevant skills that prepare you to excel in the workplace from day one.

### 250 + Accredited Online Associate, Bachelor's and Master's Degrees

Accounting & Finance  
Art & Design  
Business & Business Analytics  
Communications  
Computer Science  
Criminal Justice  
Cyber Security  
Data Analytics  
Economics  
Education  
Engineering  
Environmental & Natural Resources  
Game Design & Development  
Healthcare & Healthcare Administration  
History  
Human Resources  
Information Technology  
Liberal Arts  
Management Information Systems  
Marketing  
Math & Science  
MBA Online  
Nursing  
Operations & Project Management  
Organizational Leadership  
Project Management  
Psychology & Counseling  
Public Administration & Political Science  
Social Sciences  
Sport Management

**PURDUE** GLOBAL  
UNIVERSITY



# EXAMPLE WEEK

	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
MONDAY	<b>Football Session</b> 09:00 - 13:00 Training Ground	<b>Spanish Class</b> 15:00 - 16:00 Education Centre	<b>Gym Session</b> 16:00 - 17:30 Performance Center	<b>Internship or Study</b> 17:30 - 20:30 Student Center
TUESDAY	<b>Football Session</b> 09:00 - 13:00 Training Ground	<b>Spanish Class</b> 15:00 - 16:00 Education Centre	<b>Gym Session</b> 16:00 - 17:30 Performance Center	<b>Internship or Study</b> 17:30 - 20:30 Student Center
WEDNESDAY	<b>Football Session</b> 09:00 - 13:00 Training Ground	<b>Spanish Class</b> 15:00 - 16:00 Education Centre	<b>Gym Session</b> 16:00 - 17:30 Performance Center	<b>Internship or Study</b> 17:30 - 20:30 Student Center
THURSDAY	<b>Football Session</b> 09:00 - 13:00 Training Ground	<b>Spanish Class</b> 15:00 - 16:00 Education Centre	<b>Gym Session</b> 16:00 - 17:30 Performance Center	<b>Internship or Study</b> 17:30 - 20:30 Student Center
FRIDAY	<b>Football Session</b> 09:00 - 13:00 Training Ground	<b>Spanish Class</b> 15:00 - 16:00 Education Centre	<b>Gym Session</b> 16:00 - 17:30 Performance Center	<b>Internship or Study</b> 17:30 - 20:30 Student Center
SATURDAY	GAME DAY			
SUNDAY	REST DAY			

WEEKLY SCHEDULES VARY DEPENDENT ON ARRANGED FIXTURES



€50,000  
TOTAL COST

10 Month Football Program	State-of-the-Art Video Analysis
Accommodation in Apartment Complex	Filming Of All Fixtures
Two Meals Per Day (Breakfast and Lunch)	Full Kit and Leisure Wear
Gym Exclusive To Academy Players	Transport To All Training And Games
Multi Sport Facilities	Individual Player Evaluations
Twenty Hours Coaching Time Per Week	Creation of Highlight Videos
Games & Friendly Matches	Placement in an American University*
Tactical Sessions & Tactical Analysis	Airport Shuttle Service
Position Specific & Goalkeeper Training	Daily Laundry Service Of All Training Kit
Exposure to Pro Clubs & Scouts	Access To La Liga Tickets
Sports Science & Nutrition	24/7 Emergency Contact
Performance Testing / Diagnostics	Student Visa Assistance
Recovery & Physiotherapy Service	Tuition for Spanish or Coaching Course



# APPLICATION TIMELINE

## STEP 1 APPLY ONLINE

All applications will undergo an evaluation process.

## STEP 2 SUBMIT VIDEOS

All highlight videos and full game videos will be reviewed by our coaching staff.

## STEP 3 PERSONAL ZOOM INTERVIEW

Zoom Call with Director of Scouting Gerardo Samayoa or Javier Alcarria.

## STEP 4 FINISH APPLICATION & DEPOSIT

If a player is accepted, he will complete and sign the Player Agreement + Deposit.

## STEP 5 ORIENTATION

Zoom Sessions, reviewing our Game Model and Online Summer Training Program.

## STEP 6 ARRIVAL TO VALENCIA, SPAIN

Players will arrive late August, exact date TBD, to start preseason in Castellón, Spain.

**“This opportunity is a soccer player’s dream come true.”**  
**Javier Alcarria , Founder & CEO**

# REVIEWS

## ANGEL AGUILERA

"During my 10 day preseason program with FC Odisea Academy I got the chance to learn from the best and train with the professional club CD. Castellon. I learned a lot in training and also got the opportunity to get some minutes with the first team at FC Odisea, that was certainly a highlight of my experience. Lastly, I had a lot of fun, especially with the team bonding activities, I can thank enough Javier Alcarria for providing me this opportunity."



## DJ TAYLOR

"It's very important for the youth to experience different cultures, playing styles and philosophies. I grew a lot while being in Spain, you are away from your family and training is very intense and demanding, however, like everything in life, you must go through hardship before obtaining success. FC Odisea Academy its especial in the way the provide a very competitive and demanding environment but with a family oriented and fun experience for its players."



## POL MONELLS

"I went through all the layers, youth academy in Spain, NCAA D2 with Barton College, then NCAA D1 with UPSC and lastly I have transferred to NCAA D1 Virginia Tech. FC Odisea Academy will not only make you the best player you can be, but they will also provide different pathways as you grow as a player, which is key in your career."





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**ACADEMY**