



Languages : Spanish

A Level

Spanish is spoken by almost 500 million people worldwide! Studying Spanish at A level will equip you with the skills you need for effective written and spoken communication and give you an insight into the culture of this and other Spanish-speaking countries. Spanish combines well with a wide variety of other subjects at degree level, including Business, Law, Politics, Science, History and Tourism.

Course Content and Assessment :

Topics for study are in the following broad categories

Social issues and trends

2. Political and artistic culture

3. Grammar In addition to the core content you will study one literary text and one film.

What's Assessed:

Aspects of Hispanic society

Artistic culture in the Hispanic world

Multiculturalism in Hispanic society

Aspects of political life in Hispanic society

Grammar

Paper 1: Comprehension

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes to include comprehension questions and translation both into Spanish and from Spanish to English

100 marks

50% of A level

Paper 2: Writing One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification Grammar Written exam:

2 hours

80 marks in total

20% of A level

Paper 3—Speaking

Individual Research Project

You can choose an aspect of the course that particularly interests you and research this in preparation for your speaking exam. There is a great deal of possibility for cross curricular themes, for example an A-Level student may choose to study to an Hispanic artist or historian or the Spanish Civil War.

Oral Exam: 21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time.)

60 marks in total

30% of A Level

Questions Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5–6 minutes). Presentation (2 minutes) and discussion (9–10 minutes) of individual research project (35 marks).

Extending Your Experience: The course clearly lends itself to travel and communication within Spanish speaking countries. In the workplace it could also give you the edge over other candidates who do not speak another language. You will be involved in the development of European links and may have the opportunity to undertake work experience abroad or visit a Spanish speaking country as part of your studies. You will also practise your speaking on a weekly basis to improve fluency and confidence.

Entry Requirements: You will require a GCSE pass in Spanish at grade 5 or above. We will consider other candidates on an individual basis. Where will this course take me? The European Union is our largest trading partner and having good language skills will considerably widen your employment opportunities. In many employment fields such as marketing, finance, tourism and engineering, at least one modern language is a must. An A level in Spanish is a valid qualification towards university entrance requirements.