



Spanish

Course Details and Assessment

You will learn to communicate at a higher level in Spanish through developing your competence in the four language skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking.

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

You will learn to listen and to understand contemporary spoken Spanish and answer questions on what you have heard. Recordings may include informal dialogue, news items and interviews and talks or discussions of a more formal nature.

You will develop your ability to read, understand and extract information from written passages of Spanish which may be in the form of a narrative, interview or informative or argumentative articles. You will also develop your translation skills, translating from English into Spanish and versa.

AS: **45% of AS Level**
Assessed by one 1hr 45 min. exam

Advanced: **50% of A Level**
Assessed by one 2hr 30 min. exam

Paper 2: Writing

You will develop your translation skills, translating from Spanish to English and vice versa.

You develop your analytical skills, writing critical and analytical essays on a Hispanic novel and a Hispanic Film.

AS: **25% of AS Level**
Assessed by one 1hr 30 min. exam

Advanced: **20% of A Level**
Assessed by one 2hr exam

Paper 3: Speaking

You will become more competent at holding conversations in Spanish. In the AS examination you will be required to engage in a discussion on two topic areas as well as defend a specific point of view. These tasks are based on written stimuli.

At Advanced level, in addition to a discussion on one of the A level topics, you will give a short presentation of an independent research project and discuss its content.

AS: **30% of AS Level**
Assessed by one 12-14 min. exam

Advanced: **30% of A Level**
Assessed by one 21-23 min. exam

Paper 3: Critical response in writing 20%

You will develop your written skills and learn to write essays based on a literary work or film.

In the AS examination, you will be required to write 2 essays on one novel or film.

At Advanced level, you will be required to write an essay based on a literary work and another based on a film.

AS/Advanced: **Assessed by one 1hr15min exam.**

Advanced: **Assessed by one 2hr exam.**

TOPICS

AS

Social Issues and Trends

Aspects of Hispanic Society: including modern and traditional values; cyberspace; equal rights in Spain and Spanish-speaking countries.

Artistic Culture

Artistic Culture in the Hispanic World: including modern day idols; Spanish regional identity; Cultural heritage in Spain and Spanish-speaking countries.

Film

El laberinto del fauno – Guillermo del Toro

Advanced

Social Issues and Trends

Multiculturalism in Hispanic Society: including immigration; racism; integration in Spain and Spanish-speaking countries.

Political and Artistic Culture

Aspects of political life in the Hispanic World: including today's youth, tomorrow's citizens; monarchies and dictatorships; popular movements in Spain and Spanish-speaking countries.

Literary Text

Como Agua Para Chocolate – Laura Esquivel

Film

El laberinto del fauno – Guillermo del Toro

Skills needed

You will need to have achieved a good grade in GCSE Spanish to cope with AS/A Level Spanish.

You will need to have a desire to improve your communication skills through personal reading of Spanish newspapers, through listening to Spanish broadcasts and watching Spanish TV and DVDs and through establishing personal contacts in Spanish.

You will need to feel confident in all four language skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking. You will need to be able to analyse the grammatical structure of the language. You will need to show a capacity for personal study and consistent application. You will need to be able to participate in group work.

Suitability

If you are interested in languages and communication, and you enjoy learning about other cultures and ways of life, then this course could be suitable for you. Similarly, if you are interested in the business world, in travel or tourism or in journalism and the media, then you are likely to find this course appropriate. Whether you want to use Spanish for work, for further study, training or for leisure, this course will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge.

Future Career Prospects

At the end of the course there will be a range of opportunities open to you. You may wish to choose to follow a degree course in Spanish or a Higher Education course in another subject with Spanish alongside it.

The subject has relevance to careers in teaching, interpreting and translating, journalism, broadcasting, travel and tourism and will improve your employability in commerce and industry.

For More Information

Students interested in following the A level Spanish course, should contact the Head of Department.

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Syllabus

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Specification Codes: 7691 and 7692

Exam Board

AQA

Website

Further details of this course can be found on the exam board's website.

www.aqa.org.uk

