

Spanish

Awarding Body: AQA

Level: A-Level

Introduction

Spanish is a widely spoken language around world and boasts a vibrant culture. Gaining an A-Level qualification in Spanish will enhance your employment opportunities. Communication and linguistic ability in Spanish are also skills highly regarded by universities and employers.

Throughout the course, students learn the Spanish language in the context of Hispanic countries whilst also considering issues and influences which have shaped them.

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of themes relating to the culture and society of Spanish-speaking countries, as well as furthering their language skills by embracing a variety of authentic materials to further their appreciation of Spanish language.

The A-Level specification fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and to society. The content is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree (pure Spanish or Spanish with another subject).

Year one content

Students will study technological and social change, looking at the multicultural nature of Hispanic society. They will study highlights of Hispanic artistic culture, including a focus on Spanish regional identity and the cultural heritage of past civilisations.

- Module 1: Modern and traditional values, Cyberspace, Equal rights
- Module 2: Immigration, Racism, Integration
- Module 3: Modern day idols, Spanish regional identity, Cultural heritage

End of unit assessments, past papers and speaking exam preparation during the year.

Year two content

Students will learn about aspects of the diverse political landscape of the Hispanic world. Students will also explore the influence of the past on present-day Hispanic communities.

Module 4: Today's youth and tomorrows citizens, Monarchies and Dictatorships, Popular movements

- Film & Literature options: set texts from AQA (one of each)

IRP (Independent Research Project): students select a subject or key question which interests them and which relates to a country or countries where the target languages is spoken.

End of unit assessments, past papers and speaking exam preparation

The A-Level will consist of two written exams and a speaking exam, covering all themes from the two-year course.

What you need

At least a grade 5 in GCSE Spanish.

Career and further study

Studying a language to A-Level will enhance sought after communicative skills as well as an impressive awareness of other cultures, benefitting a variety of different careers which could include: Journalism, Business, Leisure, Travel & Tourism, Law, Scientific Research, Media, Engineering, Medicine, Voluntary & Charitable sector, Manufacturing, Education, Technology & Gaming, Advertising & Marketing, Manufacturing, and Financial Services, to name but a few.

Trips and other costs

Opportunity to take a role in planning KS5 Spanish trip

A-Level Spanish conference in London

You are expected to purchase your own textbooks