

Spanish



Exam Board AQA

Qualification GCE A-level

Entry Requirements Grade 6 in Spanish, with consistent performance in all 4 skills. Students should have sat the Higher tier exam at GCSE.

Content (Outline of Course)

In year one of the course there are 3 compulsory topics:

- Aspects of Hispanic society (modern and traditional values, cyberspace and equal rights)
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic world (modern day idols, Spanish regional identity, cultural heritage or cultural landscape)
- A study of a Spanish-speaking film

In year two of the course there are 4 compulsory topics:

- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society (immigration, racism and integration)
- Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world (today's youth, tomorrow's citizens, monarchies, republics and dictatorships and popular movements)
- A study of a Spanish-speaking book or play
- An individual research project linked to a Spanish-speaking country or culture

Assessment

THE A-LEVEL EXAMINATION

Unit 1 – Listening and Reading
2 hours 30 minutes, and forms 40% of the total A-level marks

Unit 2 – Writing
2 hours, and forms 30% of the total A-level marks

Unit 3 – Speaking
21– 23 minutes (including 5 minutes of preparation time), and forms 40% of the total A-level marks

Careers Guidance

Spanish is a highly valued A-level and choosing it will increase your chances of gaining a place at a leading university. Languages combine well with virtually any subject for further study. The range of combined degrees and further education courses involving a language is limitless – from Accountancy with Spanish to Theatre Studies. Many universities even offer funding for students to continue or extend their linguistic knowledge by travelling or working abroad during the holidays. Many universities also offer the opportunity to take an ERASMUS year whereby students can study their degree subject in another country and thereby develop and practise their language skills at the same time.