

A-Level Spanish



Did you know...?

- Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world.
- You'll be able to communicate with over 572 million people around the world.
- There are currently 21 countries where Spanish is an official national language.
- Learning the local language will get you first pick as tourist. Native Spanish speakers love when people learn to speak Spanish, it shows respect to the visiting country.
- Some of the most renowned artist that have impacted today's knowledge in the arts include Valázquez from the 17th century, Goya from the 18th and 19th centuries to Picasso, Miró and Dali throughout the 20th century.

Why study languages?

✓ Get an excellent foundation for further study and equip yourself with excellent communication skills

✓ Students will be handling mature current affairs topics and engaging in key discussions and debates in Spanish

✓ The Russell Group universities – the top 17 in the UK, insist on competence in a foreign language in order to study ANY degree with them.

✓ Travelling opportunities are more worthwhile. With A level Spanish, you learn more about the customs and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries, allowing you to embrace more positive experiences if you go travelling.

✓ If you are a translator, Spanish can open a whole new world of documents that need to be translated and people who will hire you to interpret for them while at a meeting or an interview.

✓ A level Spanish compliments any career choice.

What will I study?

Theme 1: Aspects of Hispanic society:

Changes in family structure.

- ✓ The changes in attitudes towards marriage, couples and families.

Cyberspace

- ✓ Influences of internet and the advantages and disadvantages of social media.

Equal rights

- ✓ Working life in Spain and attitudes towards gender equality at work and the right to strike

Theme 3: Immigration and multicultural Spanish society

Positive impact of immigration

- ✓ Contributions of immigrants to the Spanish economy

Challenges of immigration and integration

- ✓ Marginalisation and alienation of immigrants
- ✓ Racism

The extreme right

- ✓ Leaders of political groups and public opinion

Theme 2: Political and Artistic Culture in the Hispanic world

Music

- ✓ The impact of music and television on popular culture.

Media

- ✓ Freedom of speech and written press and the impact on society and politics

Festivals and traditions

- ✓ Customs and traditions
- ✓ Spanish regional identity

Theme 4: Occupation, Monarchies and dictatorships

Today's youth and tomorrow's citizens.

- ✓ Unemployment, Problems in society

Monarchies and dictatorships

- ✓ The evolution of the monarchy in Spain
- ✓ Franco's dictatorship

In class

Classwork, discussions, research project, one book, one film

How will I be assessed?

Unit 1

Listening, Reading & Writing

Includes translation into English and into Spanish.

50%

2h30

Unit 2

Writing

2 essays: 1 on literature & 1 on film

20%

2h00

Unit 3

Speaking

1 discussion topic

Individual Research Project & discussion

30%

21-23 mins



Will I be fluent?

- What you put in, is what you get out.
- You will be extremely competent in Spanish
- Go onto websites to obtain authentic and engaging materials
 - Conjuguemos
 - Lyricstraining.com
 - Watch Spanish films on Netflix/Prime
 - languagesonline.org