

## A-level Spanish

**Exam board:** AQA

**Entry requirements:** Spanish GCSE grade 6

### Why study Spanish?



Do you hope to one day work abroad or speak a language fluently? Are you interested in an academically challenging course with a strong practical application? If so, then studying a Modern Language like Spanish to A-level could be for you.

The Spanish course will develop your language skills, cultural and international understanding, and lifelong communication, analytical and research skills which can be applied at work or for leisure purposes.

At GCSE you learn the basics with reference to yourself. At A-level you build on the basics in the context of the Spanish speaking world. You gain a real insight into life in different parts of the Hispanic world and how traditions and values differ.

### What can I do with Spanish after A-Level?

Many students follow this course with a languages degree, which usually involves learning two languages alongside literature and/or linguistics. However, languages also complement any other subject, and are often combined with popular degree courses such as Law, Business, Marketing, History and Engineering. Language graduates are in high demand by employers in the UK and abroad.

### What will I study?

There are four core topics at A-level:

Aspects of Hispanic Society

Artistic culture in the Hispanic World

Multiculturalism in Hispanic Society

Aspects of Political Life in Hispanic Society

In addition you will study a literary text and a film: *Réquiem por un campesino español* and *Volver*

Within Aspects of Hispanic Society you will look at:

- Los valores tradicionales y modernos
- El ciberespacio
- La igualdad de los sexos

Within Artistic culture in the Hispanic world you will study:

- La influencia de los ídolos
- La identidad regional en España

- El patrimonio cultural

Within Multiculturalism in Hispanic society you will look at:

- La inmigración
- El racismo
- La integración

And within Aspects of political life in Hispanic society you will study:

- Jóvenes de hoy, ciudadanos de mañana
- Monarquías y dictaduras
- Movimientos populares

There are 3 exams:

**Paper 1:** listening, reading & translation into both English & Spanish (2 hr 30 mins, 100 marks) 50% Students will have individual control of the listening recording. Questions in Spanish to be answered with nonverbal responses or in Spanish for both reading (50 marks) & listening (30 marks).

**Paper 2:** writing - literature and film essays (2 hrs, 80 marks) 20% Two essays to be written from choice of 2 possible titles on *Volver* & *Réquiem por un campesino español* of approximately 300 words. These require a critical appreciation of the concepts and issues covered in the work and a critical and analytical response to features such as the form and the technique of presentation, as appropriate to the works studied.

**Paper 3:** speaking (16-18 minutes + 5 minutes preparation time, 60 marks) 30% Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5 – 6 minutes, 25 marks), followed by a presentation (2 minutes) and discussion (9 – 10 minutes) of an individual research project (35 marks)

The Individual Research Project (IRP) offers you the opportunity to look in greater depth at an aspect of Hispanic Society that really interests you, this could be anything from a Spanish speaking country, a Hispanic artist, a Spanish film or an aspect of Hispanic history.