

Spanish

Why study Spanish?

Studying Spanish at A Level is a huge advantage in our increasingly international world. It is one of the most widely spoken languages globally and is highly valued in the fields of tourism, business and innovation. During the course, you will explore a range of topics, including cultural and social issues in Spanish-speaking countries, and will develop much greater fluency in the language.

Entry requirements

You need a minimum Grade 7 in GCSE Spanish, though a Grade 8 or 9 is preferable. Enjoying all aspects of language learning, including speaking and writing, is essential.

Course content

The course involves studying various themes and topics, including:

- Theme one, Year 12: Aspects of Hispanic society (Modern and traditional values; Cyberspace; Equal rights.)
- Theme two, Year 12: Artistic culture in the Hispanic world (Modern day idols; Spanish regional identity; Cultural heritage.)
- Theme three, Year 13: Multiculturalism in Hispanic society (Immigration; Racism; Integration.)
- Theme four, Year 13: Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world (Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens; Monarchies and dictatorships; Popular movements.)

You will also study a literary text and a film, and you will complete an individual research project.

Relevance

An A Level in Spanish will go well with any combination of subjects, whatever university course you are considering, whether in the UK or abroad, thanks to the skills you develop on the course. Many students choose to study a language-related degree, either studying Spanish on its own or in combination with another subject. The course links particularly well to subjects like Politics and History. Having an A Level in Spanish can also make you stand out in the job market, with skills highly sought after by potential employers.

Career versatility

By studying A Level Spanish, you will open yourself up to a wide range of career opportunities, as the skills you develop are highly prized by employers across various industries, from translation and interpreting services to international business and finance, and from journalism and broadcasting to

education and environmental conservation. Spanish is particularly useful in the fields of marketing, tourism and hospitality, and emerging economies in Latin America mean that Spanish is becoming increasingly important in business. Additionally, having an A Level in Spanish can give you a competitive edge in the job market, as speaking multiple languages can increase your salary potential and provide opportunities for travel or living abroad.

Academic flexibility and skills developed:

Through this course, you will develop a broad range of skills that will serve you well in both academic and professional pursuits. As you become increasingly proficient in Spanish, you will find that your communication skills improve dramatically, enabling you to express yourself with confidence and nuance in a variety of contexts. Additionally, you will cultivate valuable research skills, independence, and cultural awareness, as well as critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, all of which will be highly beneficial as you progress through your academic career and beyond.