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A LEVEL

Spanish

WHAT IS SPANISH?

Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world, but the A level course is more than just a language. It embraces an appreciation of Hispanic culture and society, including the critical study of literature and film, and multiculturalism and political life.

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE THIS COURSE

The study of a Modern Foreign Language at A level is highly flexible and well suited to almost all subject combinations. Studying Spanish A level will allow you to acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding for practical use, further study and employment.

It will provide you with the linguistic skills demanded at undergraduate level. It will allow you to gain an appreciation of a different culture as well as challenging you to think from a different perspective. It will also improve your English. As the 8th Century emperor Charlemagne put it, to speak another language is to possess another soul.

WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO WITH THIS COURSE

It is the logical way to study Spanish at undergraduate level, opening an extremely wide variety of career options which are not exclusive to:

- Translating and interpreting
- Teaching
- Tourism and hospitality
- Publishing and business services
- Law
- Broadcasting and journalism
- Business and economics
- Government and politics
- Sales and marketing
- Transport and logistics

HOW THIS COURSE IS ASSESSED

Paper 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing (2 hours 30 minutes) 50%

Paper 2 - Literature and Film writing (2 hours) 20%

Paper 3 - Speaking (21-23 minutes including 5 minutes preparation time) 30%

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All our course entry requirements are detailed in the Entry Requirements document located in the admissions section of our website.

FURTHER READING

AQA A level Spanish specification
www.aqa.org.uk

What the course covers

The A level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. The content is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree. In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of Spanish speaking countries:
Aspects of Hispanic society: Los valores tradicionales y modernos, El ciberespacio, La igualdad de los derechos
Artistic culture in the Hispanic world: La influencia de los ídolos, La identidad regional en España, El patrimonio cultural

In the second year further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on matters associated with multi-culturalism. Students also study aspects of the political landscape including the future of political life in the Spanish speaking world by focusing on young people and their political engagement:
Multiculturalism in Hispanic society: La inmigración, El racismo, La convivencia y la integración
Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world: Jóvenes de hoy - ciudadanos de mañana, Monarquías y dictaduras, Movimientos sociales

At least one film and literary text in the foreign language will be studied. Authentic materials such as magazine and newspaper articles and interactive websites are used to supplement course texts.

Current course film: Ocho apellidos vascos

Current course literature: Las bicicletas son para el verano



FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be found on the examination board's website at: www.aqa.org.uk