

Spanish

What will I need before taking this course?

A Grade 7 or above in GCSE Spanish. Candidates who obtain a Grade 6 may be considered depending on their performance in the listening and speaking components of the GCSE exam.

Assessment and Grading

Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Writing

What's assessed:

- Aspects of Hispanic society
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic world
- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society
- Aspects of political life in Hispanic society
- Grammar

How it's assessed: 2 hours 30 minutes
100 marks
50% of A Level

Paper 2: Writing

What's assessed:

- One text and one film
- Grammar

How it's assessed: 2 hours
80 marks in total
20% of A Level

Paper 3: Speaking

What's assessed:

- Individual research project
- One of four themes (ie Aspects of Hispanic society or Artistic culture in the Hispanic world or Multiculturalism in Hispanic society or Aspects of political life in Hispanic society).

How it's assessed: 21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time)
60 marks in total
30% of A Level

How will I learn?

Students are expected to follow an independent listening and reading programme that complements the work covered in lessons. All areas of Spanish grammar are covered from scratch and students regularly watch and analyse the Spanish news. In Year 12, students are encouraged to take part in the one week work experience programme in Spain. Students have found this element of the course very beneficial.

What can I do at the end of the course?

Students studying a language at A level are among the most employable. (Unemployment rate is 5.4%). Future jobs include teaching, translation, interpreting, engineering, travel and tourism, business and marketing but with a language all career paths are open.

There will be a range of opportunities open to you, where you can continue to use and further develop your language skills and knowledge of contemporary society. However, you may just use all the invaluable skills learnt through learning another language such as widening your general knowledge, the ability to discuss topical issues, memory and communication skills amongst others.

What will I learn?

Topics studied include:

- Social Issues and Trends
- Political and Artistic Culture

Students will study one literary text and one film.

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