

Overview

The aim of this course is to equip students with the confidence to effectively communicate (both in spoken and written forms) and develop a thorough understanding of the culture of countries and communities where Spanish is spoken. It also provides a stepping stone for university courses in Spanish and/or Hispanic Studies. It develops an interest in, and enthusiasm for, language learning and encourages students to consider their study of Spanish in a broader context.

Awarding Organisation:
AQA

Minimum course requirements:
GCSE Grade 5+ in Spanish (Higher Tier)

More information:
Miss L Hurst

Curriculum and assessment

TOPICS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR STUDY

- Aspects of Hispanic society
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic world
- Multiculturalism in Hispanic society
- Aspects of political life in Hispanic society
- One Spanish language text
- One Spanish language film
- Grammar

There is also an individual research project.

AIMS

Spanish A Level aims to encourage students:

- To develop the ability to comprehend Spanish in a wide range of contexts
- To enable the student to communicate confidently and clearly in Spanish for a variety of purposes
- To form a sound base of skills, language and attitudes required for further study, work and leisure
- To develop useful knowledge of, and insights into, past and contemporary Spanish-speaking culture
- To encourage positive attitudes to, and a lasting appreciation of, language learning
- To further intellectual and personal development by promoting learning and social skills
- To gain valuable skills for foreign travel, further education and employment

ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed in listening, reading and writing (as one paper), another writing paper (film/literature essay) and speaking (which includes an individual research project) at the end of Year 13.

Post 18 opportunities

As well as allowing candidates to develop their language skills, the course will foster an awareness of Spanish culture and history. In addition to providing a secure foundation for study in higher education, the course equips candidates with a range of skills for careers in business, education and the arts.

Destinations of students in the last two years:

UCL – French and Spanish

Expenses

Students will be expected to purchase their own textbook and grammar book. It is also expected that they will purchase a good quality Spanish to English dictionary.