
SPANISH

Examination Board: EDEXCEL

Syllabus: 9SP0

WHY STUDY SPANISH?

Students will be able to

- enhance their Spanish language skills beyond GCSE using authentic texts and media
- study literature by Federico García Lorca, Laura Esquivel and others
- study films directed by Pedro Almodóvar and Guillermo Del Toro and others
- communicate fluently and confidently in Spanish
- develop critical thinking skills and the ability to debate and challenge established ideologies.

THE A LEVEL PROGRAMME OF STUDY: How you will be assessed

Unit	Content	Assessment and duration
Paper 1 - Listening, reading and translation	Evolution of the Spanish Society Political & Artistic Culture in the Spanish Speaking World Immigration and Spain's Multicultural Society The Franco Dictatorship and the Transition to Democracy.	2 hours Written exam 40% of the qualification
Paper 2 - Written response to works and translation	This paper draws on the study of two discrete Spanish works: either two literary texts, or one literary text and one film. The works must be taken from the list provided.	2 hours 40 minutes Written exam 30% of the qualification
Paper 3 - Speaking	Task 1 draws on vocabulary and structures across all four themes (as for paper 1). Task 2 is based on independent research selected and carried out by the student.	Internally conducted and externally assessed Total assessment time: between 21 and 23 minutes, which includes a single period of 5 minutes' formal preparation time 30% of the qualification

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Spanish A Level will provide opportunities in a range of careers, including: international commerce, law, interpretation and translation, international advertising, the travel and leisure industry, army careers, politics and education. Language skills gained at A Level greatly favour students' applications to the top universities and benefit almost all career paths.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must have achieved Grade 5 or higher in GCSE Spanish and have sufficient linguistic ability to meet the demands of the course. Grade 4 or higher is also required in mathematics and English at GCSE.

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