

A Level: Spanish

Modern Languages



Course Facts & Figures at a glance...

Subject Leader
Ms Mathison

Course Title
A-Level Spanish

QAN Code
500/2488/7

Awarding Body
WJEC

Number of Units
2 per year

Unit Titles
Oral in Spanish
Listening, Reading and
Writing in Spanish

**Number of Entrants
Last Year**
New course for 2011

**Percentage Pass Rate
Last Year**
New course for 2011

The A level Spanish is designed to encourage students to:

- develop an interest in, and enthusiasm for, language learning
- develop understanding of the language in a variety of contexts and genres
- communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in the language for a range of purposes
- develop awareness and understanding of the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries or communities where the language is spoken
- consider their study of the language in a broader context.
- derive enjoyment and benefit from language learning
- acquire knowledge, skills and understanding for practical use, further study and/or employment
- communicate with speakers of the language
- take their place in a multilingual global society.

- provide a coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study for students who do not progress to further study in the subject.

Assessment aims:

To understand and respond in speech to spoken Spanish. The unit comprises:

- a general conversation where candidates will be expected to discuss their personal interests, studies and future plans;
- a topic-based conversation where candidates will discuss, with the examiner, 2 topics from the topic areas.

Also, through a range of tasks, to demonstrate students' abilities to understand spoken Spanish; to demonstrate grammatical understanding; to read and understand authentic Spanish texts; to translate from Spanish into English and to write an essay in Spanish.

Languages are wanted for all kinds of jobs. Languages open doors in computing, customer services, engineering, finance, marketing, the media... and more.

Language skills are useful right here in the UK; employers want people who can speak other languages, so they're not just useful for travelling or working abroad. Languages open doors – to travel, to meeting people, and to new experiences.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, a language can help you get the best out of life. You don't have to be fluent for a language to give you the edge in fields such as *tourism* and *retail*, even basic knowledge of another language can be really useful.