



spanish

A Level Spanish Awarding Body: EDEXCEL

Course content

Topic 1: Development of Spanish society – the change in family structure, the world of work, the impact of tourism on Spain.

Topic 2: Political culture and the Arts in Spanish-speaking countries – music, the media, festivals and traditions.

Topic 3: Immigration and the multi-cultural society in Spain – contemporary and historical immigration, integration and multiculturalism.

Topic 4: Franco's dictatorship and the transition to democracy – Franco's dictatorship, the passage from dictatorship to democracy. At A level students are required to study two works: one literary text and one film in the Spanish language.

Assessment

Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation into English

2 hour written exam

40% of qualification

80 marks

Paper 2: Written response to works and translation into Spanish

Written exam of 2 hours 40 minutes

30% of the qualification

120 marks

Paper 3: Speaking – discussion on one of the four topics plus independent research presentation and discussion

23 minutes (includes 5 minutes' preparation time)

30% of qualification

72 marks

Progression:

Students have gone on to University to study Law, Medical Sciences, Business, Marketing and Spanish. Others have found employment at the airports and in sport. Spanish has strong cross-curricular links with many other subjects and is highly valued by universities and future employers. University courses such as Medicine and Engineering favour students who have studied a language as it shows an ability to communicate and provides the opportunity to study/work abroad and/or to work for an international company at home or abroad. Studying a language improves understanding of your own language and develops understanding and appreciation of other cultures.

Entry Requirements:

Grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish .