

Advanced GCE in Spanish

Board: Pearson/Edexcel

Qualification: Advanced Level GCE in Spanish

What is the course about?

The Advanced GCE in Spanish has been designed to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the language and Spanish culture in Europe and the Spanish-speaking world.

At Advanced Level GCE in Spanish you will cover 7 units of work which include:

- Theme 1: The Evolution of Spanish Society (changes in family structure, the working world, touristic impact)
- Theme 2: Political and Artistic Culture in the Hispanic World (music, media, festivals and traditions)
- Theme 3: Immigration and Multicultural Spanish Society (positive impacts, confronting challenged to immigration and integration, social and public reaction)
- Theme 4: The Franco Dictatorship and Transition Towards Democracy (Civil War and rise of Franco, Franco's dictatorship, transition to democracy)
- Grammar
- Literary Texts and Film - The study of two texts or one text and one film
- Individual Research Project – to be discussed in the speaking assessment

By the end of the course you will have learnt the fundamentals of the Spanish language enabling you to travel, live or work in a Spanish-speaking country.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment in Advanced Level GCE Spanish includes:

Paper 1 – listening, reading and translation (40%) (2 hours)

Section A: respond to recordings in Spanish (listening) (30 marks)

Section B: respond to comprehension questions about Spanish texts (reading) (30 marks), Section C: translation of unseen passage into English (20 marks)

Paper 2 Written response to works and translation (30%) (2 hours 40 minutes)

Section A: Unseen translation into Spanish (20 marks), Section B: written response to literary texts (50 marks), Section C: Written response to film (50 marks)

Paper 3 – Spoken exam – speaking - 21-23 minutes – 30%

Task 1: Discuss on theme from the specification (30 marks), Task 2: Part 1 – independent research project, part 2 – discussion of independent research project (42 marks)

These qualifications are assessed online with examinations taking place at school.

The course is based on 100% examination.

What skills will I develop?

It will prepare you to become well-informed and effective communicators through the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing across a wide range of current topics. This qualification aims to enhance your enjoyment of Spanish language learning to achieve your full potential as a linguist.

Students will develop a lasting appreciation of language and learning, the ability to comprehend Spanish in a wide range of contexts, the ability to communicate readily in Spanish for a variety of purposes, a useful knowledge of, and insights into, past and contemporary Spanish-speaking culture, and valuable skills for foreign travel, further education and employment.

Why might this course be for me?

If you are passionate about the Spanish language and culture, this will inspire you to further your linguistic skills. Spanish is also a subject that is highly respected by universities and employers alike, and will allow you to access a wide range of courses and opportunities in the future.

Where can I go next?

This qualification in Spanish provides you with the passport to study at university, work abroad or work in the business sector.

