

### Course Overview

The A-level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. The content is suitable for students who wish to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree. The approach is a focus on how Spanish-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally and how it continues to change. In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of Spanish-speaking countries. In the second year further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on matters associated with multiculturalism. Students also study aspects of the political landscape including the future of political life in the Hispanic world by focusing on young people and their political engagement. Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of themes relating to the culture and society of countries where Spanish is spoken, and their language skills. They will do this by using authentic spoken and written sources in Spanish.

### Course Content

**Social Issues and Trends – Aspects of Hispanic society:**

- Modern and traditional values
- Cyberspace
- Equal rights

**Social Issues and Trends – Multiculturalism**

- Immigration
- Racism
- Intergrations

**Political and artistic culture – Artistic culture**

- Modern day idols
- Spanish regional identity
- Cultural heritage

**Political and artistic culture – Aspects of political life**

- Today's youth, tomorrow's citizens
- Monarchies and dictatorships
- Popular Movements

**Literary texts and films**

- You will study one text
- You will study one film

**Individual Research Project**

- Students must identify a subject or a key question which is of interest to them and which relates to a country or countries where Spanish is spoken. They must select relevant information in Spanish from a range of sources including the internet. The aim of the research project is to develop research skills. Students will demonstrate their ability to initiate and conduct individual research by analysing and summarising their findings, in order to present and discuss them in the speaking assessment.
- Students may choose a subject linked to one of the themes or sub-themes or to one of the works (book or film).

### Assessment

**Paper 1:** Listening, reading and writing

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

**Paper 2:** Writing

- Written exam: 2 hours

**Paper 3:** Speaking

- Speaking exam: Approx. 30 minutes

### Careers and Opportunities for Further Study

Studying Spanish will open doors for further study, but direct employment opportunities include:

Translation / Accountancy / PR / Civil service  
Teaching / Medicine / Journalism / Media  
Law / Solicitor / Barrister / Police / Social services

### Entry Requirements

English Language grade 5 & Spanish grade 7