



Wakefield Girls' High School  
Queen Elizabeth Grammar School  
**Wakefield**

## Course Guide

# A-level Spanish

### Technical Information

#### A-level

A-level Course Title	Unit Code	Awarding Body
Spanish	7692	AQA

#### A-level Examinations:

Name	Method of Assessment	
Paper 1 Listening, reading and writing	Written Paper (2 hours 30 mins)	50% of A Level
Paper 2 Writing	Written Paper (2 hours)	20% of A Level
Paper 3 Speaking	Speaking test  Presentation and discussion of research project (12– 14 mins)  +15 mins preparation time	30% of A Level

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# Spanish

## Background Knowledge and Qualifications

- Are you predicted to achieve a good grade in your Spanish GCSE?
- Do you enjoy being able to communicate in another language?
- Do you enjoy getting to grips with new language structures?
- Would you like to find out more about the culture and society of Spanish-speaking countries?
- Are you planning on studying languages at University?
- Would you like to study a foreign language alongside another area of interest?
- Will offering another European language increase your future job prospects?

## Course Description

### Spanish is taught at WGHS

This is a new, reformed A level course. The draft specification was submitted to Ofqual in July 2015 and may be subject to further reform.

As well as improving your mastery of the language the new specification features a topical focus on the culture and society of the Hispanic World, and aims to promote your capacity for critical thinking.

## Course content

### Aspects of Hispanic Society

- Modern and traditional values
- Cyberspace
- Equal rights

### Artistic Culture in the Hispanic World

- Modern day idols
- Spanish regional identity

- Cultural heritage or cultural landscape

### Multiculturalism in Hispanic society

- Immigration
- Racism
- Integration

### Aspects of political life in the Hispanic World

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

The course content provides the context for honing the four language skills of Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing. In addition, students at both levels will study the grammatical system and structure of Spanish. You will also build on your translation skills into and out of the target language.

A level students will study two set texts, or one book and one film over the two years.

Spanish A level provides the opportunity to carry out individual research pursuing a subject of personal interest, relating to the Hispanic World. You will find that developing research skills is a valuable preparation for university study. You might wish to explore the role of women in post-Franco Spain, minority languages, development and sustainability in Latin America or Mexican cinema, for example.

Our experienced teaching staff will inform, encourage and guide you to facilitate your learning. Authentic sources from the media and the internet will support your studies as your curiosity about the culture of Spanish-speaking countries grows. You will use the two language laboratories to practise your language skills and will have access to literature and films in the school library. You will participate in regular conversation classes, in small groups and on a one-to-one basis, with our Spanish assistant. You will also be offered the opportunity to participate in Work Experience or a language-study trip. There is no Coursework at A level.

## Use of Course and Qualification

Spanish can combine with any other A-level subjects. It would suit those wishing to study a language at university or those looking to combine Spanish with Law, Economics, Business Studies, Accountancy, Sciences, Engineering or Architecture.

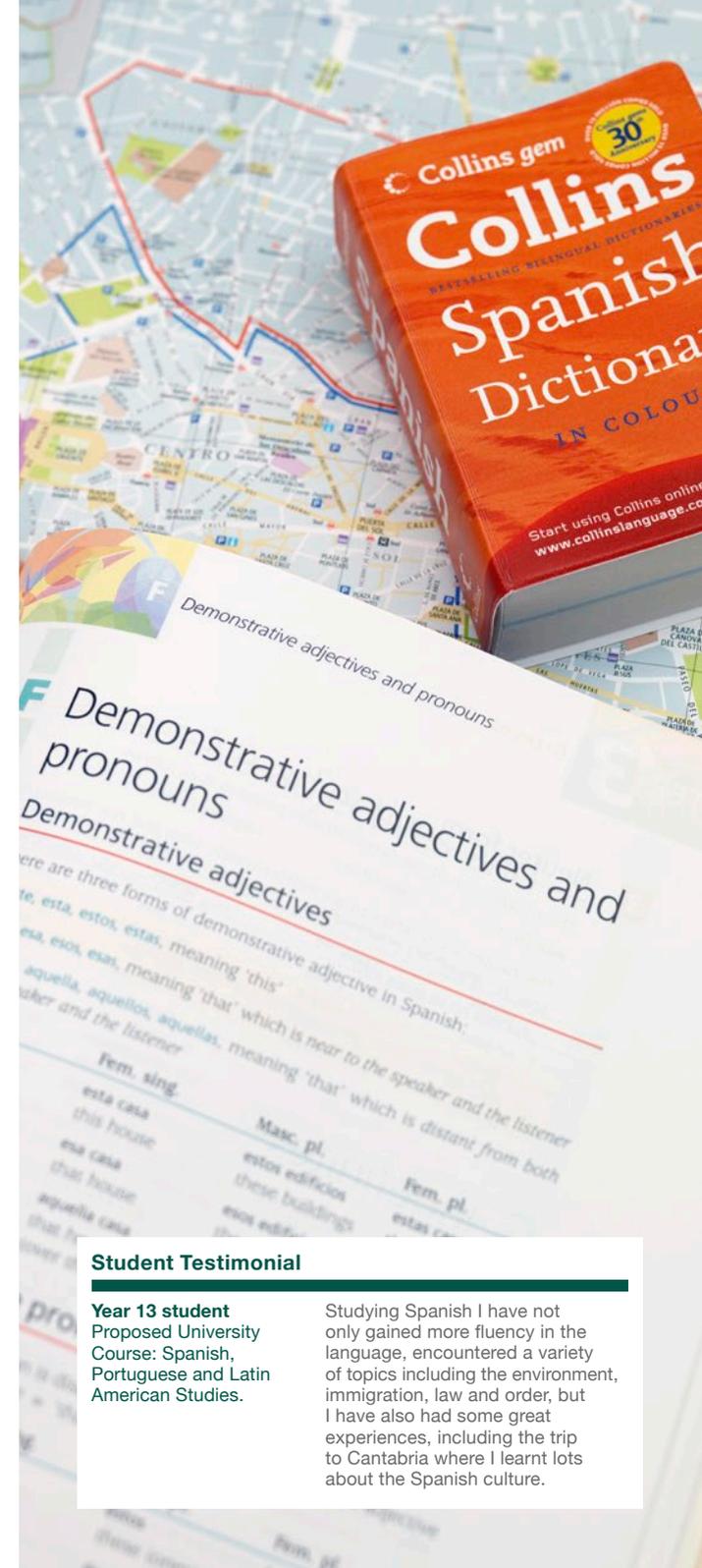
## What do modern language graduates do?

Almost two-thirds of modern languages graduates enter employment within six months of graduation. Popular areas of work include translating, writing, advertising and marketing, personnel and HR, sales accounts and business development management, business sales, and finance and investment analysis and advice. Another advantage to studying a language is that, according to the 2008 report by HEFCE, three and a half years after graduating languages graduates have the highest average salary of all graduates.

Studying languages increases your employability in many ways. Studying languages teaches you all the skills that employers look for: an analytical mind; good thought process; amazing memory capacity; fantastic cultural and intercultural awareness; good communication; great team player... and these are just a few.

Why is Spanish an important modern foreign language?

With some 400 million speakers, Spanish is the fourth most commonly spoken language in the world. Spanish is an official language on four continents and is the mother tongue in 21 countries. The sheer number of Spanish speakers and their rate of growth makes learning Spanish a smart choice.



## Student Testimonial

**Year 13 student**  
Proposed University Course: Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies.

Studying Spanish I have not only gained more fluency in the language, encountered a variety of topics including the environment, immigration, law and order, but I have also had some great experiences, including the trip to Cantabria where I learnt lots about the Spanish culture.