



SPANISH

IB Diploma Programme

Course Outline

The IB Modern Language courses provide students with the opportunity to acquire or develop an additional language and to promote an understanding of other cultures through the study of language. The course allows students to access the target language by studying it as a beginner at ab initio level, or as someone with prior experience of the language. The standard and higher courses are both demanding and rewarding, and are designed for students who possess a degree of knowledge and experience in the target language.



Useful skills and experience

Ab initio

The Ab initio course is suitable both for students with no previous knowledge of the language, or for students who have acquired some understanding of the language. Over the two years of study, basic linguistic skills are developed to enable competence in day-to-day situations.

Standard Level

Standard level is for those students who have already studied the language and who wish to develop their skills beyond a basic level.

Higher Level

The Higher Level course develops linguistic competence to a high level, enabling discussion of complex issues in the foreign language. Students are expected to study two works of literature during the course. It is intended for those students who plan on a career which requires language skills, or for those wishing to continue their language studies at a higher level.



Assessment

External 75% - 2 papers, which test listening, reading and writing skills

Internal 25% - 1 individual oral examination



Where could this subject take me?

Companies take a high view of multilingual staff; having linguistic competence in another language undoubtedly gives a student the edge as far as employers are concerned. The most obvious opportunities for specialist careers are in interpreting and translation, but other areas where a knowledge of Spanish is an advantage include teaching, travel and tourism, ICT, finance and banking, engineering, scientific research, advertising, the media or any business with has international links. However, apart from the career prospects, learning a language is a highly rewarding experience which provides the linguistic and cultural awareness to get by in a foreign country.



Exam Board and Specification



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IB Group 2



Entry Notes

- Ab initio: No study required. If you have taken GCSE Spanish you must have a 4 or below.
- SL : 4 in GCSE Spanish.
- HL :6 in GCSE Spanish.



Complementary Subjects

- All subjects combine well with the study of a language



Related Additional Activities

You will have the opportunity to meet weekly with the Spanish Assistant in order to improve your spoken Spanish.

SL / HL students will be encouraged to take part in a residential stay in Spain, where they will have intensive tuition, gain a practical insight into the Spanish way of life and take part in cultural visits.



What our students say

I love Spanish because I get to learn about a new language and culture. I have thoroughly enjoyed the course.

