

Higher Spanish (Course Code: C869 76)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Spanish?

Learning a new language allows you to connect with different people and their cultures. You think, communicate and create ideas through language.

Spanish is useful for both business and travel. Around 400 million people worldwide speak Spanish, especially in South American countries such as Mexico and Venezuela. Spain is a beautiful country rich in history and culture, making it a popular holiday destination for British people. And, Spain is also an important trading partner of the UK. Many companies need employees who are fluent in one or more European languages. So, learning Spanish gives you many options for your future career.

The skills you develop in Spanish are useful in many different career areas such as travel and tourism, languages, teaching and in trade and industry.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

[Arts, Social Sciences and Languages](#)

[Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism](#)

[Information, Culture and Heritage](#)

[Transport and Distribution](#)

[Uniformed and Security Services](#)

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college, but you would normally be expected to have:

- **National 5 Spanish**

What will I study?

This course aims to help you develop your reading, listening, talking and writing skills in Spanish, in a variety of contexts. You will encounter a wide range of different types of texts in different media. In addition, the course also provides you with knowledge of Spain and the customs and way of life of the Spanish people.

The course consists of **two** areas of study.

Understanding Spanish

You will:

- develop and extend reading and listening skills in Spanish
- develop your knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex Spanish in the contexts of society, learning, employability, and culture.

Using Spanish

You will:

- develop and extend talking and writing skills in Spanish
- develop your knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex Spanish in the contexts of society, learning, employability, and culture.

How will I be assessed?

Please note - for the 2022-23 session there is no assignment, only the 4 components.

The course assessment has **five** components **totalling 120 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper 1 (reading) – worth 30 marks
- Component 2: question paper 1 (directed writing) – worth 20 marks (scaled up to 30 for 2022-23 session)
- Component 3: question paper 2 (listening) – worth 20 marks (scaled up to 30 for 2022-23 session)
- Component 4: assignment (writing) – worth 20 marks
- Component 5: performance (talking) – worth 30 marks.

For the assignment component, you will be required to produce a piece of writing (200-250 words) in Spanish based on one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, culture.

For the performance component, you will take part in a discussion with your teacher or lecturer, using detailed and complex language on at least two different contexts, and respond to questions in Spanish relating to each of the contexts.

The performance component is set and verified externally by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), and assessed and marked by your school or college.

Both the question papers and the assignment are set and externally marked by SQA.

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across course assessment.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- [SQA Past Papers Spanish Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Reading\) Spanish Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Directed Writing\) Spanish Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Listening\) Spanish Higher](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Spanish](#)
- [BBC Bitesize Spanish Higher](#)

What can I go on to next?

If you complete the course successfully, it may lead to:

- **Advanced Higher Spanish**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Buying, Selling and Related Work
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Languages
- Teaching and Classroom Support