

Advanced Higher Spanish (Course Code: C869 77)

SCQF Level 7 (32 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.

What do I need to get in?

This is at the discretion of the school/college but you would normally be expected to have attained one of the following:

- Higher Spanish

What will I study?

The course comprises three compulsory units and an assessment.

Understanding Spanish

You will:

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

Specialist Study

You will:

- develop and extend planning, research and analytical skills in order to undertake an independent specialist study based on literature or media or language in work.

How will I be assessed?

Course Assessment

The course assessment consists of **four** components **totalling 200 marks**:

- Component 1 – Question paper: Reading and Translation (50 marks)
- Component 2 – Question paper: Listening and Discursive Writing (70 marks)
- Component 3 – Portfolio (30 marks)
- Component 4 – Performance: Talking (50 marks).

The performance – You will demonstrate your skills in Spanish by talking about themes or topics related to the specialist study area and at least one context from Society, Learning, Employability or Culture studied in the Understanding Spanish or Using Spanish areas, or in preparation of the portfolio.

The portfolio – You will produce a piece of writing in English of 1,200 – 1,500 words, based on your analysis of either a piece of literature or media or language in work within the context of Spanish.

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.

Study Materials

[SQA Past Papers Spanish Advanced Higher](#)

[SQA Specimen Paper \(Reading and Translation\) Spanish Advanced Higher](#)

[SQA Specimen Paper \(Listening and Discursive\) Spanish Advanced Higher](#)

What can I go on to next?

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