

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.

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](#)

[Teaching and Classroom Support](#)

[Transport and Distribution](#)

[Uniformed and Security Services](#)

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?

On this course you will develop skills, knowledge and understanding of the following areas:

- advanced reading, listening, talking, and writing skills in Spanish, as appropriate to purpose and audience,

in the contexts of society, learning, employability, culture

- advanced knowledge and understanding required to understand and use complex and sophisticated language, as appropriate to purpose and audience, in the contexts of society, learning, employability, culture
- applying advanced grammatical knowledge to read, listen to, and use Spanish
- applying inferencing skills to analyse and evaluate complex and sophisticated texts in Spanish
- applying advanced knowledge and understanding to translate complex and sophisticated language
- analysis of literature, media or language in work within the context of Spanish.

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 relating to at least one context from society, learning, employability or culture, and the portfolio study of literature, media or language in work.

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](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Advanced Higher Spanish](#)

What can I go on to next?

Further study, training or employment in:

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Information, Culture and Heritage
- Languages
- Teaching and Classroom Support
- Transport and Distribution
- Uniformed and Security Services