

IBDP Language B Spanish SL/HL

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Course Description and Units of Learning:

The language B Standard Level (SL) and language B Higher Level (HL) courses are language acquisition courses for students with some previous experience of the target language.

The distinction between language B SL and HL can be seen in the level of competency the student is expected to develop in receptive, productive and interactive skills, and that HL students are required to study two literary works originally written in the target language.

Students develop the ability to communicate in the target language through the study of language, themes and texts. In doing so, they also develop conceptual understandings of how language works. Communication is evidenced through receptive, productive and interactive skills across a range of contexts and purposes that are appropriate to the level of the course (and beyond those for language ab initio).

The language B syllabus is organized into five prescribed themes: identities, experiences, human ingenuity, social organization and sharing the planet. Optional recommended topics and possible questions for each theme are presented in the guide, but are not prescribed.

For a more detailed exploration of this course, [the IB Subject Guide is available at this link.](#)

Identities – healthy mind and body

Within this topic we will look at:

Mindfulness and young people

Healthy eating and how growing your own produce can be therapeutic.

Music and well-being. How listening to or producing music can affect our state of mind.

Art and well-being. How art can increase brain capacity and relieve stress.

Illness and how living in a certain area affects that.

Higher – literature extract discussing generational differences.

Begin to look at the novel *La Aventura de Said* for the higher oral.

Experiences –in search of new experiences

Heritage– looking at cultural heritage especially related to the Argentinian yerba mate

Architectural jewels – the immense cultural heritage in Spain

Alternative tourism – how technology and modern life has changed our travelling habits.

Why do we travel? – the effects of tourism

A music social project – helping youngsters produce their own music.

Higher – literature extract discussing metaphors and cultural differences

Human ingenuity. Art a way of living

Within this topic we will look at:

Looking at different artistic ways of expressing yourself

Getting to know various Hispanic artists.

Do the arts help us learn about the world?

Learning about different cultures through art.

Higher – literature extract discussing an artist and his obsessions and the power of a writer.

Social organization: Living in a community

Sharing the planet: Live in harmony with our planet our

Within this topic we will look at:

-The lifestyle, culture and identity of island people in Peru.

-Keeping cultural identity going within families.

-How does language shape your identity?

-Living between cultures.

Higher – a literature extract about native tribes in South America and the struggle to keep their identity faced with invading conquerors.

Experiences – how history shapes our future

Within this topic we will look at:

-Social changes and the aspirations of young people

-The coming of age celebration in South America and how celebrations are (not) evolving.

- Migration and immigration.

- How the concept of family is changing.

Higher – literature extract discussing generational lifestyle differences and a young person's first journey alone.

Human Ingenuity –science and technology -Fashion and technology – intelligent clothing -

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This year we have begun planning and implementing units of study based on our Critical Learning Outcomes within the IB MYP and DP frameworks. Please see ManageBac for unit overviews as they are taught throughout the year.

Assessment in the Diploma Programme

Assessment is a key component of the learning process as it allows teachers to respond with targeted feedback to learners for continued growth and to revise their instruction to better meet the needs of their learners. In order to provide learners with the opportunity to reach critical learning outcomes and develop a range of approaches to learning skills, our IB Diploma teachers develop rigorous tasks that embrace a variety of strategies in line with desired learning outcomes and with each course's internal and external assessments.

Working backwards from these assessment components, teachers craft learning experiences which support each learner's mastery of key content, concepts, and skills in every subject. Learners can expect to receive regular feedback on all three elements, with important culminating experiences such as IA drafts and mock examinations in the second year. For culminating tasks, teachers and learners are guided by criteria provided at least one week prior to the due date. DP teachers also work to ensure that learners not only understand but engage in applying evaluation criteria to their own work as well as that of their peers. Core components such as Theory of Knowledge, CAS, and the Extended Essay

support each learner's progress across the programme, as learners apply critical thinking, the design cycle, and research skills to each subject.

Families and learners at AISM can expect to receive regular reporting of their performance as they work towards mastery of critical learning outcomes.

Learning Management Systems

Across the Secondary School, we utilize ManageBac for sharing key activities and assessments, as a digital workspace, for communication with learners, and for reporting on learner performance to families. Some teachers may supplement the digital learning environment with Google Classroom, and you can expect an emailed invitation to sign up for regular updates from Google Classroom if so.

Homework

Any learning activity which is expected to take place outside of the classroom will appear as assignments and tasks on ManageBac. Homework is most often an extension of activities or projects either begun or included in the classroom, but may include common activities like reading, reinforcement of content or skills within a unit of study, or distributed practice activities, such as flashcards for example, to support learner recall of low-level content.

Reporting

As a rough guide, learners and families can expect an update on performance every few weeks. These updates, available in ManageBac, represent a check-in on learner performance toward mastering critical course objectives and learning outcomes, prior to each unit's culminating assessment.