

SPANISH

WHY STUDY SPANISH *at* STONYHURST?

MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Small groups led by highly experienced and dedicated staff, each with their own area of expertise.

We will help you to develop and enhance your individual skills and talents and to reach your full potential as both a pupil and a person; preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you.

Studying Spanish in Higher Line will give you access to a range of courses at a variety of universities providing access to interesting and exciting careers. Language courses fit well alongside virtually all other subjects and studying a language as a main or joint subject at university allows you spend part of your degree abroad.

The more authentic contact that you have with the many Spanish-speaking countries, the better. At Stonyhurst, this includes regular conversation practice with our Spanish Language Assistant, access to a wide-range of films, music and literature, and the opportunity to take part in foreign trips. We also offer a variety of stimulating course enrichment activities, such as the Hispanic society, Spanish reading club and visits to/from our exchange school in Montevideo, Uruguay.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

As the course progresses, you will significantly increase your ability to understand and express yourself fluently when conversing or writing about a wide range of topics.

You will have the opportunity to discover some of the most reputable Hispanic artistic works, including novels, poetry and cinema.

Higher Line courses equip you with a sophisticated knowledge of grammar and how to use it most effectively. You will learn essential skills in interpreting and translating.

Foreign language learning in Higher Line also allows you to learn a lot more about yourself and your own identity in comparison to others.

Finally, you will become a researcher in various aspects of the Spanish language and Hispanic societies, politics and cultures.

WHAT DO I NEED?

- ✓ To study a language successfully in Higher Line pupils need to be highly motivated, curious about other ways of life and fully prepared to extend their knowledge through hard work, participation and perseverance.
- ✓ There is a significantly increased level of challenge between GCSE and A level/IB courses. Pupils will ideally have scored between 7-9 at GCSE.



COURSE ENRICHMENT

- ✓ Hispanic Society – As a Hispanist (A level or IB) at Stonyhurst, you will automatically be a member of the Hispanic society, which meets on a number of occasions throughout the year. The Society enjoys events such as Flamenco dance lessons, talks from university lecturers and visits to local events and festivals, such as the VIVA Spanish and Latin American Film Festival (at HOME in Manchester)
- ✓ Cultural trips to Spanish-speaking countries. Recent trips include Andalusia and Cuba and preparations are currently underway for a trip to Uruguay and Argentina
- ✓ Access to a variety of authentic Spanish resources: films, music, literature, journalism and much more
- ✓ Weekly contact with the Spanish Assistant

WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

- ✓ Weekly clinics
- ✓ One-to-one sessions with the Spanish Assistant
- ✓ Additional/support resources, as required

WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

A LEVEL SPANISH

A levels have moved away from the traditional AS/A2 structure to a two year linear course with all examinations at the end of the two years.

The themes studied address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries.

Assessment is through three examinations at the end of the course:

Paper 1

Listening, reading and writing (includes translation)

Paper 2

Written response to artistic works (literature and film)

Paper 3

Speaking (stimulus card and independent research project)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE STANDARD HIGHER LEVEL

At Stonyhurst, you have the opportunity to study Spanish at a range of levels on the IB course.

✓ Ab Initio

For students with limited knowledge of the language. You will develop skills in listening, reading, speaking and writing through studying 5 key themes: identities, experiences, human ingenuity, social organization and sharing the planet.

✓ Language B

For students with a good working knowledge of Spanish (GCSE grade 7-9, ideally). You will study Communication and Media, Global Issues and Social Themes, together with two additional topics. You will become an expert in recognising and producing different text types. At Higher Level, you will also study two works of literature.

✓ Language A

A guided self-taught course for pupils with a native level of the language. You will cover a variety of Spanish literature, including original Spanish works and works in translation.

Our IB Diploma Programme is designed to produce highly educated all-rounders who embrace social responsibility, intercultural awareness and a duty to local and global communities to make an increasingly complex world a better place.



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