



# SPANISH B SL

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Spanish B SL is an additional language-learning course for students with some previous experience of learning the language. The main focus is on language acquisition and the further development of language skills. Learning a language is more than simply acquiring vocabulary and understanding some grammatical rules. It enables learners to interact in a new cultural context and function in a society different from their own.

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## Course summary

The Spanish B SL course develops language skills and acquisition through a wide range of authentic materials. These are chosen from throughout the Hispanic world to develop students' mastery of the language and understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures and include magazine articles, film excerpts and podcasts. Since the entire course is written in the target language, students are provided with maximum exposure to Spanish and will learn to use it actively. The course is also organised around relevant and engaging topics, namely, Communication and Media, Global Issues, Social Relationships, Customs and Traditions and Cultural Diversity.

## What differences are there studying this course online?

Our online Spanish B SL course covers the same content and prepares students for the same exam as a traditional face-to-face course. However, the online environment offers students unique learning opportunities such as the experience of learning together with students from around the world, studying at their own pace in a location of their choice, easy access to authentic materials in a variety of media and developing twenty-first century IT skills. Throughout the course students will be closely supported by experienced IB teachers and standards and expectations will be just as high as in a face-to-face classroom.

## How does the course make use of online tools?

Special digital tools are used to ensure that students learn actively together. These include discussion forums, live online classrooms and applications for creating presentations. Web 2.0 tools such as Blogs, Wikis and social bookmarking are also leveraged. In addition, the course contains a large amount of multimedia content and students can test their knowledge through a series of specially-created interactive activities. Of course, there will be some traditional activities such as reading comprehension activities, essay writing and oral practice to prepare you for the exams. Assessment will be both formative and summative and in accordance with IB criteria.

## Prerequisites

Some previous experience of learning Spanish is required. This usually means having completed the Spanish ab initio course or having studied the language for a minimum of 120 hours.

