

Diploma in Spanish: Year 1

SH120 Spanish 1: Introduction to Beginner's Spanish

The first semester will be devoted to introducing students to the basics of Spanish grammar, pronunciation and writing and reading skills. Classes will be based on thematic areas such as personal identity, occupations and the workplace, the home, travel and life in Spanish-speaking countries. A variety of learning methods will be used, with a strong emphasis on student participation. These will include guided speaking and writing exercises, listening comprehension and grammar exercises; students will work individually, in pairs and in groups. Regular feedback on student progress will be provided by tutors through continuous assessment.

Assessment: Continuous assessment of coursework (30%) and written two-hour examination at the end of the Semester (70%).

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Reading List: To be specified by tutor.

Supplementary materials can be downloaded from Blackboard in September.

SH121 Spanish 2: Beginner's Spanish

The second semester will build on the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing introduced in the first module. Students will consolidate their comprehension and use of language in the areas of personal information, work, shopping, travel and place of residence. They will be able to read short texts, understand timetables, menus and advertisements, exchange email messages and write about their experiences relating to these areas.

Assessment: Continuous assessment of coursework (30%) and a two-hour written examination at the end of the Semester (70%).

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Reading List: Materials can be downloaded from Blackboard.

SH128 Introduction to Spain & Oral Spanish

Oral Spanish: this part of this course is designed to help students to develop their spoken Spanish skills. It runs in both semesters.

Introduction to Spain: this part of the course runs during the second semester. An Introduction to aspects of contemporary Spanish society will be provided by working with a series of short texts in Spanish. Assessed writing exercises on these topics will be conducted in class.

Assessment: Oral Examination: 50%

A series of writing exercises conducted in class: 50%

Weighting: 5 ECTs

Reading List: Handouts distributed in class/ a booklet of texts will be provided by the lecturer