



A & A/S Level Spanish at OISE Madrid

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In an increasingly global market the ability to communicate in more than one language is fast becoming a necessity. For most British students A Level exams are often the first real test of that ability. Both A and A/S level students are expected not only to demonstrate an understanding of grammatical structures, but to show that they can use the language confidently in real situations.

They are also required to be familiar with the culture of a country where the language is spoken, and to have some understanding of contemporary issues within that country.



The intensive A Level Spanish courses at OISE Madrid are designed to make a significant difference to our clients' exam prospects. Our team of experienced tutors focuses not only on accuracy, but on the students' ability to communicate in clear, confident Spanish. Our clients leave the course, not only with a deeper understanding of how the language works, but with significantly improved communicative skills. They will also have gained an invaluable insight into contemporary Spain and be able to converse comfortably on a range of cultural issues. These skills are essential for success in the A Level exam.

Programme options

OISE Madrid specialises in tailor made one to one Tutorial programmes. Each A and A/S level programme is designed following an individual consultation with the student and if possible with their A Level teachers. This allows us to work on the assigned literary text and also to focus on specific weak points.

A key advantage of our individual Tutorial courses is that they provide the maximum possible contact time with the language. At OISE Madrid we create a complete Spanish immersion experience which allows the students to develop their communicative skills to the highest possible degree.

Students can choose between 30, 25, 20, and 15 Tutorial hours per week.

Course prices (per week)

	1 week	2-3 weeks	4-7 weeks
Tutorial 30	€3160	€3060	€3035
Tutorial 25	€2700	€2600	€2575
Tutorial 20	€2240	€2140	€2115
Tutorial 15	€1780	€1680	€1655

including half board host family accommodation

At OISE Madrid we provide a complete Spanish immersion experience. The number of Tutorial hours reflects the actual classroom time but the OISE day has been designed to make the learning process as varied and dynamic as possible and in addition to the actual classroom time all the courses include press review sessions, supervised preparation periods, and a programme of social and cultural activities.

Throughout the day the school team is available to give advice, discuss the development of the course or simply offer Spanish conversation in an informal setting.

The press review

The day at OISE Madrid begins with a review of the morning's press. Students are asked to prepare a brief summary of a news item selected from one of the daily newspapers. The aim is to provide exposure to as much "real" Spanish as possible, as well as testing the student's reading skills and capacity to process and communicate information. This provides excellent practice for the A Level oral exam in which students are asked to demonstrate an awareness of contemporary Spanish life. It also ensures that the study day begins with a genuinely communicative activity.

The A level papers

The core of the course is made up of between 15 and 30 hours of individual lessons per week in which students work specifically on the requirements of the four A Level papers, covering the oral exam, reading and writing, the essay section and finally the appropriate literary text. The content of these sessions is based on the information we receive from each individual student.



The Biblioteca Nacional

The social programme

All the Tutorial programmes at OISE Madrid include a programme of cultural visits. Typically these involve visits to major cultural attractions such as the Prado museum or the Reina Sofía Museum of Modern Art but also to specific areas of Madrid such as Malasaña, Lavapiés or Chueca where students have the opportunity to visit local cafés, markets and *tabernas*.

A communicative approach

Most students will need to perfect their knowledge of Spanish grammar and a systematic study of the relevant language structures is a key part of the programme. However, this is combined with a communicative approach that involves a specific focus on the students' ability to actually use the language. It is this focus on developing confidence and fluency that will give A Level candidates a significant competitive advantage. The tutors at OISE Madrid focus specifically on nurturing communicative skills with attention to the rhythm of speech, intonation, and word stress as well as essential elements of non verbal skills such as eye contact, hesitation and appropriate volume.



Tutorial lesson

Madrid

Madrid is one of the most exciting cities in Europe with excellent communications to major airports in the UK. However, there are also very good pedagogical reasons why it is an ideal destination for students looking for an intensive A Level revision programme.

Unlike several regions in Spain, Spanish does not compete with other languages such as Catalan. The Spanish spoken in Madrid is clear, standard Castilian. Moreover, in contrast to many tourist areas of Spain, English is not widely used and students will have plenty of opportunity to interact in Spanish.

Finally as the capital of Spain, Madrid is a microcosm of one of Europe's richest cultures. Any student looking to understand contemporary Spain, or explore its history and traditions will find a visit to Madrid enormously enriching.

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