

ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH

FACULTY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

SYLLABUS FOR

M.A. SPANISH

I. Spanish Language and Grammar

- a) Parts of speech: nouns, pronouns, adjectives; ordinal and cardinal numerals
- b) Verb system: tenses, moods, aspects, periphrastic constructions
- c) Agreement, concord, and sentence structure
- d) Complex and compound sentences
- e) Direct and indirect speech; active and passive voice
- f) Gerunds, participles, and verbal adverbs
- g) Prefixes and suffixes in verb formation
- h) Verbs of motion with and without prefixes
- i) Usage-based grammar and error identification

II. Linguistics (Core and Applied)

- a) Nature and functions of language
- b) Branches of linguistics:
 - Phonetics and phonology
 - Morphology
 - Syntax
 - Semantics and pragmatics
- c) Sociolinguistics: language variation, dialects, bilingualism, diglossia
- d) Historical development of the Spanish language
- e) Introduction to applied linguistics
- f) Contrastive linguistics and Spanish–English interface

III. Literature (Spain and Latin America)

- a) Introduction to literature and literary studies
- b) Major literary genres and their characteristics
- c) Literary movements and trends of the 19th and 20th centuries
- d) Spanish and Latin American literary history
- e) Major authors and their representative works
- f) Basic literary theory and criticism
- g) Text-based comprehension and interpretation

IV. Culture and Civilization

- a) Pre-Columbian civilizations of Latin America
- b) Al-Andalus: political and cultural legacy
- c) The Reconquista and Christian kingdoms
- d) Spain in the 18th and 19th centuries: tradition and modernity
- e) Latin America after independence
- f) Political, social, and human geography of Spain and Latin America

V. Translation and Interpretation

- a) Principles of translation
- b) Translation of general, journalistic, and social science texts
- c) Spanish to English and English to Spanish translation
- d) Common translation problems and strategies
- e) Basic awareness of interpretation skills

VI. Teaching Methodology (Spanish as a Foreign Language)

- a) Language acquisition and learning theories
- b) Methods and approaches to foreign language teaching
 - Grammar-Translation Method
 - Direct Method
 - Communicative Language Teaching
 - Task-Based Language Teaching
- c) Teaching of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation
- d) Teaching of language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing
- e) Error analysis and corrective feedback
- f) Testing, evaluation, and assessment in language teaching