

Advanced Higher French/German/Spanish

Course Rationale

Learning a new language enables pupils to make connections with different people and their cultures and to play a fuller part as global citizens. The ability to use language effectively lies at the centre of thinking and learning. Candidates reflect, communicate and develop ideas through language. The study of a modern language has a unique contribution to make to the development of cultural awareness, providing candidates with opportunities to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of other cultures and of their own. They gain insights into other ways of thinking and other views of the world, and therefore develop a much richer understanding of active citizenship.

Course Content

The course provides candidates with the opportunity to develop reading and listening, talking and writing skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding **of detailed and sophisticated** language in 4 overall contexts:

- society
- learning
- employability
- culture

Skills

- reading, listening, talking, and writing skills in a modern language in the contexts of society, learning, employability, and culture
- knowledge and understanding of **detailed and sophisticated** language required to understand and use a modern language
- applying knowledge and understanding of language to translate **detailed and sophisticated** language
- applying grammatical knowledge and understanding

Course Assessment

The course assessment consists of four components with a total of 200 marks:

- Component 1 – Question paper: Reading and Translation (50 marks)
- Component 2 – Question paper: Listening and Discursive Writing (70 marks)
- Component 3 – Performance (50 marks)
- Component 4 – Portfolio (30 marks).

The question papers will be set and marked externally by SQA.

The performance – You will demonstrate your skills in French by talking about themes or topics related to the specialist study unit and at least one context from Society, Learning, Employability or Culture studied in the Understanding Language or Using Language units, or in preparation of the portfolio.

The portfolio – You will produce a piece of writing in English of 1,200 – 1,500 words, based on your analysis of either a piece of literature or media or language in work within the context of French.

The course assessment is graded A-D. Your grade will depend on the total mark for all the units in your course.

Progression

University level study of modern languages. This is often combined with Business / Law.

Career Pathways

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| Law | Finance | Business Administration | Sales and marketing |
| Public services | Transport | Tourism | Hospitality |
| International aid | Speaking a foreign language is also useful if you want to work abroad. | | |