

Advanced Higher French (Course Code: C830 77)

SCQF Level 7 (32 Credit Points)

Why study French?

Learning a new language allows you to connect with different people and enhance your understanding and enjoyment of other cultures.

This course provides opportunities develop your communication, language and literacy skills and aims to give you the confidence and expertise to use these skills in the classroom, in real-life contexts and in the modern working environment.

Being able to speak this widely- spoken international language will be an asset in the business world. France is currently the world's fifth largest economy and an important trading partner of the UK. French is the second most popular learned language in the world after English, and is spoken in around 30 countries including Belgium, Switzerland, Canada and many countries in central and north Africa. It is also one of the official languages of the European Union and the United Nations.

Many companies need employees who are fluent in one or more European languages. Therefore, learning French gives you many options for your future career.

The skills you develop in French are useful in many different career areas such as travel and tourism, law, hospitality, languages, teaching and in trade and industry.

What do I need to get in?

Higher French

What will I study?

On this course you will develop skills, knowledge and understanding of the following areas:

- advanced reading, listening, talking, and writing skills in French in the contexts of society, learning, employability, culture
- advanced knowledge and understanding required to understand and use complex and sophisticated language in the contexts of society, learning, employability, culture
- applying advanced grammatical knowledge to read, listen to, and use French
- applying inferencing skills to analyse and evaluate complex and sophisticated texts in French
- applying advanced knowledge and understanding to translate complex and sophisticated language
- analysis of literature, media or language in work within the context of French.

How will I be assessed?

Course Assessment

The course assessment consists of **four** components **totalling 200 marks**:

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

The performance – You will demonstrate your skills in French by talking about themes or topics relating to at least one context from society, learning, employability or culture, and the portfolio study of literature, media or language in work. The talking element is assessed by a visiting examiner.

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.

All question papers are marked by SQA.

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across course assessment.

Study Materials

[SQA Past Papers French Advanced Higher](#)

[SQA Specimen Paper \(Listening and Discursive Writing\) French Advanced Higher](#)

[SQA Specimen Paper \(Reading\) French Advanced Higher](#)