

## 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 their cultures. The ability to use language is at the centre of thinking. You reflect, communicate and develop ideas through language.

French is the second most popular learned language in the world after English, and is spoken in around 30 countries. These include: Belgium, Canada, Switzerland and many countries in central and north Africa. It is one of the official languages of the European Union.

It is a valuable second language in many different career areas and, of course, is useful when you are on holiday or travelling in France and other French-speaking countries.

### Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

[Arts, Social Sciences and Languages](#)

[Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism](#)

[Information, Culture and Heritage](#)

[Transport and Distribution](#)

[Uniformed and Security Services](#)

### What do I need to get in?

This is at the discretion of the school/college but you would normally be expected to have attained one of the following:

- 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, as appropriate to purpose and audience, in the contexts of society, learning, employability, culture
- advanced knowledge and understanding required to understand and use complex and sophisticated language, as appropriate to purpose and audience, 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 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 performance component is set and verified externally by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), and assessed and marked by your school or college.

Both the question papers and the assignment are set and externally 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](#)

## What can I go on to next?

Further study, training or employment in:

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Information, Culture and Heritage
- Languages
- Teaching and Classroom Support

- Transport and Distribution
- Uniformed and Security Services