

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.

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?

The course comprises **three** areas of study.

Understanding French

You will:

- develop and extend reading and listening skills in French
- develop your knowledge and understanding of complex and sophisticated language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Using French

You will:

- develop and extend talking and writing skills in French
- develop your knowledge and understanding of complex and sophisticated French in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Specialist Study

You will:

- develop and extend planning, research and analytical skills in order to undertake an independent specialist study based on literature or media or language in work.

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 related to the specialist study area and at least one context from Society, Learning, Employability or Culture studied in the Understanding French or Using French areas, 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 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
- Buying, Selling and Related Work
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Languages
- Teaching and Classroom Support