

Advanced Higher Gaelic (Learners) (Course Code: C831 77)

SCQF Level 7 (32 Credit Points)

Why study Gaelic (Learners)?

Learning a new language allows you to make connections with different people and their cultures. Language is at the core of thinking. You reflect, communicate and develop ideas through language.

Studying Gaelic will deepen your knowledge and understanding of Scottish culture and heritage. The recent revival in the Gaelic language means there are now more career opportunities for people who can speak it. Career options include teaching, the performing arts, media and literature and in TV and radio.

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 Gaelic (Learners)

What will I study?

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

Understanding Gaelic

You will:

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

Using Gaelic

You will:

- develop and extend talking and writing skills in Gaelic
- develop their knowledge and understanding of complex and sophisticated Gaelic 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 Gaelic 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 Language or Using Gaelic 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 Gaelic.

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 \(Gaelic Learners\) Advanced Higher](#)

[SQA Specimen Paper \(Reading and Translation\) Gaelic \(Learners\) Advanced Higher](#)

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

What can I go on to next?

Further study, training or employment in:

- Communications and Media
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Languages
- Teaching and Classroom Support