

National 5 German (Course Code: C834 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study German?

Learning a new language allows you to connect with different people and their cultures. You think, communicate and create ideas through language.

German is widely spoken in Europe, in countries such as: Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland and, of course, Germany. It is one of the ten most spoken languages in the world. Germany is the biggest economy in Europe and the fourth biggest in the world. So, there are plenty of opportunities to use German in a wide range of industries and organisations. It is one of the top five business languages currently in demand in the UK.

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](#)

[Teaching and Classroom Support](#)

[Transport and Distribution](#)

[Uniformed and Security Services](#)

What do I need to get in?

The school or college will decide on the entry requirements for the course. You would normally have achieved:

- **National 4 German**

What will I study?

This course offers you the opportunity to develop your skills in reading, listening, talking and writing in German, which are essential for learning, work and life. You will also learn to understand how language works and how to get across information and ideas.

You will study a wide range of various types of texts in a variety media. You will also learn to think critically, creatively and develop cultural awareness.

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

Reading and Writing; Listening

You will develop:

- reading, writing and listening skills in German
- your knowledge of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Assignment – Writing

You will develop:

- writing and grammatical skills in German
- your knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Performance – Talking

You will develop:

- talking and writing skills in German
- your knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

How will I be assessed?

The course assessment has **five** components totalling **120 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper 1: Reading – worth 30 marks
- Component 2: question paper 1: Writing – worth 20 marks
- Component 3: question paper 2: Listening – worth 20 marks
- Component 4: assignment - writing – worth 20 marks
- Component 5: performance - talking – worth 30 marks.

For the performance component, you will be asked to deliver a spoken presentation and take part in a conversation in German in one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability or culture. Your performance will be set by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and marked internally by an SQA assessor.

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

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

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- [SQA Past Papers German National 5](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper German National 5 \(Reading Paper\)](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper German National 5 \(Writing Paper\)](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper German National 5 \(Listening Paper\)](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards German](#)
- [BBC Bitesize National 5 German](#)
- [Ushare Study Resources](#)

What can I go on to next?

If you complete the course successfully, it may lead to:

- **Higher German**

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