

Higher German (Course Code: C834 76)

SCQF Level 6 (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?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college, but you would normally be expected to have:

- **National 5 German**

What will I study?

This course aims to help you develop your reading, listening, talking and writing skills in German, in a variety of contexts. You will encounter a wide range of different types of texts in different media. In addition, the course also provides you with knowledge of Germany and the customs and way of life of the German people.

In particular you will learn to develop:

- reading, listening, talking and writing skills in German
- application of knowledge and understanding of German

- the skill of translation
- literacy skills.

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 (directed writing) – worth 20 marks (scaled up to 30 for 2022-23 session)
- 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 assignment component, you will be required to produce a piece of writing (200-250 words) in German based on one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, culture.

For the performance component, you will take part in a discussion with your teacher or lecturer, using detailed and complex language on at least two different contexts, and respond to questions in German relating to each of the contexts.

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.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

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

What can I go on to next?

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

- **Advanced 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