

Higher Italian (Course Code: C842 76)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Italian?

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

Italian is rich in history and culture, as well as being a beautiful language to listen to, and speak. It is spoken in Switzerland, San Marino and parts of Croatia and Slovenia, as well as Italy itself.

Italy is a major economy in the world, and the seventh largest global market for British exports. So, there are plenty of opportunities to use Italian in a wide range of industries and organisations. It is one of the top five business languages currently in demand in the UK.

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 achieved:

- **National 5 Italian**

What will I study?

This course aims to help you develop your reading, listening, talking and writing skills in Italian, 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 Italy and the customs and way of life of the Italian people.

The course consists of **two** areas of study.

Understanding Italian

You will:

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

Using Italian

You will:

- develop and extend talking and writing skills in Italian
- develop your knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex Italian 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 (directed 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 assignment component, you will be required to produce a piece of writing (200-250 words) in Italian 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 Italian 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 Italian Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Reading\) Italian Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Directed Writing\) Italian Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Listening\) Italian Higher](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Italian](#)

What can I go on to next?

Successful completion of this course may lead to:

- **Advanced Higher Italian**

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