Higher Gàidhlig (Course Code: C832 76)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Gàidhlig?

Learning Gàidhlig will help you to improve your existing reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, essential for learning, life and work. You will be able to communicate your thoughts and feelings to other people better, as well as deal with those of other people.

Learning Gàidhlig will also enhance your appreciation and understanding of Scottish culture and heritage.

The increased interest in Gàidhlig recently now means there are more career opportunities for people who can speak it. You could work in the performing arts, teaching, media and writing, or in TV and radio.

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

Communications and Media

Teaching and Classroom Support

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 Gàidhlig**

What will I study?

The course provides you with the opportunity to develop your reading, critical reading, listening, talking and writing skills in order to understand and use Gaelic language. You will focus on the skills required to understand, analyse, evaluate, create and produce language.

In particular, you will develop your skills in:

- reading, critical reading, listening, talking and writing skills, as appropriate to purpose and audience
- understanding, analysing and evaluating detailed and complex texts, as appropriate to purpose and audience in the contexts of literature, language, media and culture
- creating and producing detailed and complex texts, as appropriate to purpose and audience in a wide range of contexts
- using knowledge and understanding of language
- using knowledge and understanding of Gaelic cultural heritage and the cultural heritage of others.

How will I be assessed?

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

- Component 1: question paper (Leughadh - Reading) – worth 30 marks
- Component 2: question paper (Litreachas - Literature) – worth 20 marks
- Component 3: question paper (Èisteachd - Listening) – worth 20 marks
- Component 4: Obair shònraichte–sgrìobhadh (Assignment – writing) – worth 20 marks
- Component 5: Còmhradh (Performance – talking) – worth 30 marks.

For the performance component, you will converse with your teacher or lecturer on a topic chosen by you beforehand.

The question papers will be 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 Gàidhlig Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper (Reading) Gàidhlig Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper (Literature) Gàidhlig Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper (Listening) Gàidhlig Higher
- SQA Understanding Standards Gàidhlig

What can I go on to next?

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

- **Advanced Higher Gàidhlig**

Further study, training or employment in:

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