

Advanced Higher Gàidhlig (Course Code: C832 77)

SCQF Level 7 (32 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?

This is at the discretion of the school/college but you would normally be expected to have attained one of the following:

- Higher Gàidhlig

What will I study?

This course aims to help you to develop advanced critical reading, translating, talking and writing skills in order to understand and use Gaelic language. You will focus on the skills required to understand, analyse, evaluate, translate, create and produce language.

In particular, this course covers:

- advanced critical reading, translating, talking and writing skills, as appropriate to purpose and audience in a wide range of contexts
- understanding, analysing and evaluating a wide range of complex and sophisticated literary texts, as appropriate to purpose and audience
- creating and producing a wide range of complex and sophisticated texts, as appropriate to a range of purposes and audiences

- advanced translating skills from written English to written Gaelic
- knowledge of Gaelic language, literature and culture.

How will I be assessed?

Course Assessment

The course assessment consists of **four** components totalling **115 marks**:

- Component 1 — Question paper (Sgrùdadh - Practical Criticism) (30 marks)
- Component 2 — Question paper (Litreachas agus Sgrìobhadh - Literature and Writing) (40 marks)
- Component 3 — Question paper (Eadar-theangachadh - Translating) (15 marks)
- Component 4 — Performance (Còmhraidh - Talking) (30 marks).

Component 1 - you will answer questions based on 2 written Gaelic texts, one fiction and one non-fiction.

Component 2 - you will write an essay in Gaelic form from a list of 8 essay titles.

Component 3 - you will translate one non-fiction written English text into written Gaelic.

Component 4 - you will talk for 20 minutes about a chosen topic for the Specialist Study of Language and/or Culture study area.

The question papers are set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The performance component will be assessed by a visiting SQA Assessor, with a recording of the performance marked externally 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 Advanced Higher](#)

[SQA Specimen Gàidhlig Advanced Higher Literature and Writing Question Paper](#)

[SQA Specimen Gàidhlig Advanced Higher Practical Criticism Question Paper](#)

[SQA Specimen Gàidhlig Advanced Higher Translation Question Paper](#)

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