Higher Mandarin (Simplified) (Course Code: C845 76)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Mandarin (Simplified)?

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

Mandarin is the national language in China and Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world. China is also the second largest economy in the world. So, learning Mandarin gives you a distinct advantage when travelling or doing business with China or other Mandarin-speaking areas.

The skills that you learn in Mandarin are useful for working in areas such as business and commerce, travel and tourism and teaching.

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

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 Mandarin (Simplified)**

What will I study?

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

In particular you will learn to develop:

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

- 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
- 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 Mandarin 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 Mandarin 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 Mandarin (Simplified) Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper (Reading) Mandarin (Simplified) Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper (Directed Writing) Mandarin (Simplified) Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper (Listening) Mandarin (Simplified) Higher
- SQA Understanding Standards Chinese Languages Higher
- Ushare Study Resources

What can I go on to next?

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

- **Advanced Higher Mandarin (Simplified)**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages

- Information, Culture and Heritage
- Languages
- Transport and Distribution