National 5 Mandarin (Traditional) (Course Code: C846 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Mandarin (Traditional)?

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?

The school or college will decide on the entry requirements for the course. You would normally have achieved:

- **National 4 Mandarin (Traditional)**

What will I study?

This course offers you the opportunity to develop your skills in reading, listening, talking and writing in Mandarin, which are essential for learning, work and life. You will also learn to understand how language works and how to communicate information and ideas.

You will study a wide range of various types of texts in a variety media. You will also learn to think critically, creatively and develop cultural awareness.

The course comprises **three** areas of study.

Reading and Writing; Listening

You will develop:

- reading, writing and listening skills in Mandarin
- your knowledge of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Assignment – Writing

You will develop:

- writing and grammatical skills in Mandarin
- your knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Performance – Talking

You will develop:

- talking and writing skills in Mandarin
- your knowledge and understanding of detailed language 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: 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 performance component, you will be asked to deliver a spoken presentation and take part in a conversation in Mandarin (Traditional) in one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability or culture. Your performance will be set by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and marked internally by an SQA assessor.

The question papers will be set and marked externally by the SQA.

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across all course assessment components.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- SQA Past Papers Mandarin (Traditional) National 5
- SQA Specimen Paper Mandarin (Traditional) National 5 (Reading)
- SQA Specimen Paper Mandarin (Traditional) National 5 (Writing)
- SQA Specimen Paper Mandarin (Traditional) National 5 (Listening)
- SQA Understanding Standards Chinese Languages
- Ushare Study Resources

What can I go on to next?

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

- **Higher Mandarin (Traditional)**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Languages
- Transport and Distribution