

## Advanced Higher Mandarin (Traditional) (Course Code: C846 77)

SCQF Level 7 (32 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?

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

- **Higher Mandarin (Traditional)**

### What will I study?

On this course you will develop skills, knowledge and understanding of the following areas:

- advanced reading, listening, talking, and writing skills in Mandarin, as appropriate to purpose and audience, in the contexts of society, learning, employability, culture
- advanced knowledge and understanding required to understand and use complex and sophisticated language, as appropriate to purpose and audience, in the contexts of society, learning, employability, culture

- applying advanced grammatical knowledge to read, listen to, and use Mandarin
- applying inferencing skills to analyse and evaluate complex and sophisticated texts in Mandarin
- applying advanced knowledge and understanding to translate complex and sophisticated language
- analysis of literature, media or language in work within the context of Mandarin.

## How will I be assessed?

### Course Assessment

The course assessment consists of **four** components **totalling 200 marks**:

- Component 1 – Question paper: Reading and Translation (50 marks)
- Component 2 – Question paper: Listening and Discursive Writing (70 marks)
- Component 3 – Portfolio (30 marks)
- Component 4 – Performance: Talking (50 marks).

The performance – You will demonstrate your skills in Mandarin by talking about themes or topics relating to at least one context from society, learning, employability or culture, and the portfolio study of literature, media or language in work.

The portfolio – You will produce a piece of writing in English of 1,200 – 1,500 words, based on your analysis of either a piece of literature or media or language in work within the context of Mandarin.

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.

## Study Materials

- [SQA Past Papers Mandarin \(Traditional\) Advanced Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Reading and Translation\) Mandarin \(Traditional\) Advanced Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Listening and Discursive\) Mandarin \(Traditional\) Advanced Higher](#)

## What can I go on to next?

Further study, training or employment in:

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