National 5 Cantonese (Course Code: C811 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Cantonese?

Learning a new language enables you to make connections with different people and their cultures. It also helps you to develop important skills in communication, critical thinking, as well as increasing your cultural awareness.

Cantonese is the most common language in Hong Kong and many parts of China. It has fewer non-native speakers than Mandarin, so those learning it have a significant advantage when visiting or doing business with Hong Kong or other Cantonese-speaking areas.

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 have achieved:

- **National 4 Cantonese**

What will I study?

The course provides you with the opportunity to develop reading and listening, talking and writing skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability, and culture

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

Reading and Writing; Listening

You will develop:

- reading, writing and listening skills in Cantonese

- your knowledge of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Assignment – Writing

You will develop:

- writing and grammatical skills in Cantonese
- 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 Cantonese
- 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 Cantonese 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 course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- SQA Past Papers Cantonese National 5
- SQA Specimen Paper Cantonese National 5 (Writing)
- SQA Specimen Paper Cantonese National 5 (Listening)

What can I go on to next?

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

- **Higher Cantonese**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Administration and Management
- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Buying, Selling and Related Work
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Languages
- Teaching and Classroom Support