

Why study A Level French or German?

A language qualification at A Level demonstrates an outward looking, enquiring mind and an A Level linguist has the ability to “think on his/ her feet” with enthusiasm, drive and commitment.

By studying the A Level course you will extend and deepen your knowledge of the contemporary culture and language of French or German speaking countries. You will improve your ability to analyse and discuss modern day issues, and to present a coherent and persuasive argument.

What will I study?

You will explore aspects of French or German-speaking society including: the changing state of family; the digital world; youth culture; festivals and traditions; art and architecture and multiculturalism in French or German-speaking societies (immigration, integration, and racism). We also study aspects of political life in the French or German-speaking worlds.

You will study one French or German text and one film in order to learn how to demonstrate understanding of the main themes and characters as well as an ability to analyse the commentaries of others.

Assessment

100% examined.

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing. This paper assesses your ability to understand spoken and written French/ German and includes a translation from the target languages into English.

Paper 2: Writing. You will answer one essay question on the book and another on the film that you have studied.

Paper 3: Speaking. This test is in two sections. Part one is a discussion of a sub-theme from the specification and part two is a presentation and discussion on your individual research project.

Study trips, visits and events

You may have the opportunity to attend specialist lectures at Bristol University, participate in a study visit to Berlin or France, or in a Work Experience abroad scheme.

Subject entry requirements

6 in French or German (as appropriate).



Student Perspective

“Bonjour; Guten Tag! I chose to study languages because I’ve always wanted to travel, and experience new cultures. Studying languages will allow me to do this!

Throughout the course, there’s a huge diversity of topics and themes to explore. We study a film and a book, both of which I found interesting, thought-provoking and - above all - fun.

Speaking an additional language really helps you to stand out, and opens up a wide range of options for future career choices.”

Joe, A Level French student