

A level French



Entry requirements

In order to study this subject, you must have achieved at least a Grade 6 at GCSE level.

Course Outline

The Core content is as follows:

1. Social Issues and trends
2. Political and artistic culture
3. Grammar
4. Academic Works: Literary and films

Students must complete two compulsory tasks: they may either critically analyse two literary texts, or critically analyse one literary text and one film.

This A-level course should encourage students to:

- enhance their linguistic skills and promote and develop their capacity for critical thinking on the basis of their knowledge and understanding of the language, culture and society of the country or countries where the language is spoken
- develop control of the language system to convey meaning, using spoken and written skills, including an extended range of vocabulary, for both practical and intellectual purposes as increasingly confident, accurate and independent users of the language
- develop their ability to interact effectively with users of the language in speech and in writing, including through online media
- develop language learning skills and strategies, including communication strategies to sustain communication and build fluency and confidence
- engage critically with intellectually stimulating texts, films and other materials in the original language, developing an appreciation of sophisticated and creative uses of the language and understanding them within their cultural and social context

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Assessment: Subject Information

French A level is a linear course; this means all three papers will be sat in the same examination year (at the end of the course)

Paper 1: Listening, reading and Writing Exam: 2 hours 30 minutes (100 marks – 50% of A-level)

Paper 2: Writing Exam: 2 hours (Film and Novel combination) (80 Marks – 20% of A-level)

Paper 3: Speaking – Oral exam: 21 -23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time) (60 Marks – 30% of A-level)

Career Pathways

- This course will be taken as a full A level (two years) leading to a University degree. Languages are highly versatile and complement most subjects. Language skills can be used in almost any career, and particularly in businesses that trade internationally.
- Jobs where this A-level would be useful could include: Broadcast journalist, Detective, Diplomatic service officer, Education consultant, English as a foreign language teacher, International aid/development worker, Logistics and distribution manager, Marketing executive, Patent examiner, Publishing rights manager, Sales executive. Remember that many employers accept applications from graduates with any degree subject, so in the long term don't restrict your thinking to the this list of jobs mentioned here.

Alumni destinations

New for this year