



FOREIGN
LANGUAGES

A-Level Course Information



Qualification: Advanced Level German

Exam Board: AQA

Subject Leader: Mrs H. Gass

Entry Requirements:

Minimum Entry Requirements:

5 x 5s

4 in English and Maths

Subject Specific Entry Requirements:

6 in GCSE German

Why study German?

Do you hope to one day work abroad or speak a language fluently? Are you interested in an academically challenging course with a strong practical application? If so, then studying a Modern Language like German to A-level could be for you.

The German course will develop your language skills, cultural and international understanding, and lifelong communication, analytical and research skills which can be applied at work or for leisure purposes.

What can I do with German after A-Level?

Many students follow this course with a languages degree, which usually involves learning two languages alongside literature and/or linguistics. However, languages also complement any other subject, and are often combined with popular degree courses such as Law, Business, Marketing, History and Engineering. Language graduates are in high demand by employers in the UK and abroad.

German Extras

You will have weekly 1:1 speaking sessions with our native speaker Foreign Language Assistant to develop your speaking and listening skills and to prepare for the oral examination. In addition, the department offers a range of opportunities in partnership with local universities and there will also be opportunities to spend time in Germany.

What will I study?

There are 4 core topic areas at A-level.

Aspects of German-speaking society

Artistic culture in the German-speaking world

Multiculturalism in German-speaking society

Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world

In addition, you will study one film- *Das Leben der Anderen* by Florian von Donnersmarck- and one play- *Andorra* by Max Frisch.

Within **Aspects of German-speaking society**, you will study:

- The changing state of the family (Familie im Wandel)
- The digital world (Die digitale Welt)
- Youth culture: fashion and trends, music, television (Jugendkultur: Mode, Musik und Fernsehen)

Within **Artistic Culture in the German-speaking world** you will consider:

- Festivals and traditions (Feste und Traditionen)
- Art and architecture (Kunst und Architektur)
- Cultural life in Berlin, past and present (Das Berliner Kulturleben damals und heute)

Within **Multiculturalism in German-speaking society**, you will look at:

- Immigration (Einwanderung)
- Integration (Integration)
- Racism (Rassismus)

Within **Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world** you will learn:

- Germany and the European Union (Deutschland und die Europäische Union)
- Politics and youth (Die Politik und die Jugend)
- German re-unification and its consequences (Die Wiedervereinigung und ihre Folgen)

There are 3 exams:

Paper 1: listening, reading & translation into both English & German (2 hr 30 mins, 100 marks) 50%

Paper 2: writing – literature/film essays (2 hrs, 80 marks) 20%

Paper 3: speaking (16-18 minutes + 5 minutes preparation time, 60 marks) 30%