



GERMAN

Examination Board: AQA
Specification: Advanced GCE 7662
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level>

Why should I study German?

- There are plenty of opportunities to express opinions and look at subjects of interest to your age group.
- Transferable skills such as presenting and evaluating arguments, summarising the main points of texts and interpreting an argument to another person.
- It is fun!
- Opportunity to do Work Experience in Germany in Year 12.
- Increased cultural awareness.
- Post-Brexit the need for language skills will be potentially greater than ever.

What will I learn about?

1. Social issues and trends
2. Political and artistic culture
3. Grammar
4. Literary texts and films (Options from)

G.C.S.E. grammar will be revised and consolidated, and new grammar introduced gradually throughout the course. The four language skills will be developed as the course progresses. (More detailed information about course content and assessment is available on the AQA website)

How will I be taught?

Using authentic materials, we shall read and listen to material in the target language. This will lead to discussion in pairs, in groups or with the whole class. Written work will be based on this material. There will be a requirement for students to undertake reading and listening, and learning of vocabulary on their own initiative. The course contains much online material which can be revisited at home for consolidation and revision purposes, and it also contains practice examination materials.

Application beyond school:

- For leisure purposes - holiday and travel abroad.
- In many jobs, it is a positive advantage.
- Opens opportunities for study of all subjects abroad under ERASMUS/ SOCRATES schemes.
- Valuable adjunct to other qualifications in any profession – there is a shortage of people with language qualifications.
- Language graduates have one of the lowest unemployment rates.

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Assessment Format:

Level	Component	Requirements	Duration	Marks
A Level	Paper 1 Listening, reading and writing	Aspects of German-speaking society Artistic culture in the German-speaking world Multiculturalism in German-speaking society Aspects of political life in German-speaking society	2 hours 30 mins Year 13	160 40% of A Level
A Level	Paper 2 Writing	One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification.	2 hours Year 13	90 30% of A Level
A Level	Paper 3 Speaking	Individual research project One of four sub-themes ie Aspects of German-speaking society or Artistic culture in the German-speaking world or Multiculturalism in German-speaking society or Aspects of political life in German-speaking society	Oral exam, 21-23 mins inclu. 5 mins prep. time. Year 13	60 30% of A Level

Are there any special requirements?

Normally a grade 9, 8 or 7 at G.C.S.E. is required, although an enthusiasm for the language and a determination to participate fully are equally important.

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