

French



Exam Board AQA

Qualification GCE A or AS Level

Entry Requirements GCSE at Higher Level in all 4 skills; grade 7 in GCSE French

Content (Outline of Course)

At AS there are 4 compulsory topics:

- Media
- Popular Culture
- Healthy Living/Lifestyle
- Family Relationships

At A level there are 3 compulsory topics:

- Environment
- The Multicultural Society
- Contemporary Social issues

combined with 2 of the 5 Cultural Topics listed below:

- A French-speaking region/community
- A period of 20th century history from a French-speaking country/community
- The work of an author from a French-speaking country/community
- The work of a dramatist or poet from a French-speaking country/community
- The work of a director, architect, musician or painter from a French-speaking country/community

Assessment

THE AS EXAMINATION

Unit 1 - Listening, Reading and Writing
French [FREN1], 2 hours, and forms 70% of the total AS marks (35% of the total A Level marks)

Unit 2 - Speaking
French [FREN2T/V], 35 minutes (including 20 minutes preparation time), and forms 30% of the total AS marks (15% of the total A Level marks)

THE A2 LEVEL EXAMINATION

Unit 3 - Listening, Reading and Writing
French [FREN3], 2½ hours, and forms 35% of the total A Level marks

Unit 4 - Speaking
French [FREN4T/V], 35 minutes (including 20 minutes preparation time), and forms 15% of the total A Level marks

Careers Guidance

French is a highly valued A Level and choosing it will increase your chances of gaining a place at a leading University. Languages combine well with virtually any subject for further study: The range of combined degrees and further education courses involving a language is limitless – from Accountancy to Theatre Studies. Many Universities even offer funding for students to continue or extend their language knowledge by travelling or working abroad during the holidays.