

French

COURSE CODE

AS Level	7651
A Level	7652

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6 or higher in GCSE French.
- If you are a native speaker that hasn't completed the GCSE, you will be accepted on the course providing you can pass a written assessment with a 6 or higher.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Students work on a range of contemporary subjects including the changing nature of the family, the 'cyber-society', place of voluntary work, heritage, contemporary francophone music, cinema: the 7th art form.

The A Level will assist students in developing a broad range of valuable skills and qualities, in addition to purely linguistic skills. Students will gain appreciation of contemporary society, discuss a range of topical issues, learn to debate and to improve their ability to present an argument, and will learn to summarise information they read and hear. Furthermore, learners will develop skills to respond imaginatively to spoken and written texts, as well as to weigh up the pros and cons of various issues they study and come to an informed conclusion.

ASSESSMENT

AS Level

- 45% = Paper 1 – Listening, Reading and Writing (90 marks).
- 25% = Paper 2 – Written exam including a translation into French and an essay on a set film or text (50 marks).
- 30% = Paper 3 – Speaking exam (60 marks).

A Level

- 50% = Paper 1 – Listening, Reading and Writing including translation from French into English (100 marks).
- 20% = Paper 2 – Two essays either one based on a film or a set text or two essays on a set text. (80 marks).
- 30% = Paper 3 – Speaking which consists of an individual research project and discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on stimulus card (60 marks).

NEXT STEPS

A Level French students go on to study a wide range of subjects at degree level. Universities and employers welcome students who have studied languages as they tend to have the ability to understand the dynamics of communication, as well as having developed skills of self-reliance, flexibility and adaptability.

CAREER INFORMATION

The UK loses about £50bn a year in lost contracts because of a lack of language skills in the workforce. Students who study the subject have gone on to enjoy careers in business services, broadcast journalism, education, banking/finance, diplomacy, manufacturing/engineering and construction, travel/tourism and international organisations such as the EU, FIFA, the World Trade Organization and the UN.

EXTRA COSTS

Students are required to purchase a course textbook for around £22.50 and other resources e.g. Grammar Workbook, Film/Book Study Guides.