



# A LEVEL FRENCH EXAM BOARD: AQA

## SUBJECT AREA OVERVIEW

The A-level course in Modern Foreign Languages is a two-year linear course for students with prior intermediate knowledge of the language (possibly at GCSE/IGCSE grade C or above). This two-year course is very much focussed not only to improve the students' language skills, but also to explore the culture, history and society of the country where the language is spoken. Throughout their studies, students learn the language in the context of the countries and issues and influences which have shaped them. Students will study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

Our aims are to motivate students to:

- Apply the target language confidently
- Enhance the linguistic skills critical and promote and develop capacity for critical thinking
- Increase their writing and translation skills
- Learn research skills carrying out an individual research project
- Engage critically with intellectually stimulating texts, films and other materials in the target language.

## Course Content

The content is based on exploring and deepening the following areas:

- Social issues and trends
- Political and artistic culture

Each of these topics will have three subtopics and include aspects of culture, history, changes in society and art with the emphasis on grammar and structures.

The A-level language course consists of three papers:

- Paper 1 (Listening, reading and translation)
- Paper 2 (Writing - 2 essays and translation)
- Paper 3 (Speaking)

## Assessment

The examinations are taken in May and June.

## Career Paths and Related Subject Areas

An A-level in Modern Foreign Languages will earn UCAS points at most universities and increase the student's chances of an offer. A language degree is an asset for careers such as Law, Economics, and Business. Other prospects include a career with the diplomatic and foreign services. It is also essential to have a language degree if students are interested in working for the European Commission. The more common avenues of language interpretation and translation are also open to those that study

modern foreign languages. Lastly, the knowledge of a foreign language will always be desirable in any career that students may wish to pursue.

For further information: [www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/french-7652)  
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