



Roinn nan Cànan
Language Department
Sprachabteilung

Gàidhlig

Advanced Higher

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Course information

- At this level, pupils must be able to speak and write in a coherent, accurate and appropriate manner.
- Pupils continue to develop their skills of analysis and evaluation of language in a variety of ways including the study of literature.
- It is of paramount importance that pupils engage with the community in which they live in order to develop their linguistic skills and further their awareness of the language and culture.

In particular, Advanced Higher Gàidhlig aims to enable learners to:

- develop the ability to express and communicate meaning at a high level of sophistication
- develop the ability to communicate in writing at a high level of sophistication with respect to audience, context and purpose
- deepen awareness of language and how it works, taking account of style, grammar, structure and idiom, and local or regional influences on language
- develop the ability to analyse and evaluate texts from different genres
- develop awareness of translating from written English to written Gaelic and interpreting from spoken Gaelic to spoken or written English
- interact with an individual or group on Gaelic-related issues and engage in individual and group study of topics of a historical or cultural nature
- apply higher-order thinking
- develop advanced critical literacy
- learn independently
- plan and research, integrating and applying language skills, for a range of purposes including independent study

Internal Unit Assessment - marked on a pass/fail basis

Unit 1: Translating and Interpreting Skills

- One translating assessment (English to Gaelic)
- One assessment converting spoken Gaelic into English

Unit 2: Writing and Literary Criticism Skills

- One writing assessment
- One literature assessment based on an unseen text

Unit 3: Specialist Study of Language and/or Culture

- Plan and research an independent specialist study on an aspect of Gaelic literature and/or language and/or culture. You must create a study plan and you must select, analyse, evaluate evidence and reach conclusions.

There are **5** internal unit assessments in total.

Course Assessment - 100 marks

Paper 1		Practical Criticism	30 marks 30%	Read two texts: one will be fiction and the other will be non-fiction
Paper 2	1 hour 30 minutes	Literature	20 marks 20%	Write one essay based on a literary text studied.
		Writing	20 marks 20%	Choose one essay title from a choice of 8.
Performance	20 minutes	Talking	30 marks 30%	Discussion about the Specialist Study and any other topics studied. Marks awarded for style, structure, content, language resource, accuracy and interaction

Resources:

- Pupils have access to core vocabulary and notes in form of booklets linked to a range of topics.
- Links to useful websites are shared with pupils. Access to a range of websites allows up-to-date topics to be studied for personal interest and enjoyment e.g. current stories in the news. www.learnghaelic.net and www.bbc.co.uk/alba are particularly useful.
- Traditional dictionaries and grammar reference books are supplemented by online versions
- The invaluable resources all around in the community i.e. speakers of the language.
- BBC Bitesize has been updated in line with the new Higher course.
- Free access to Gaelic as it is spoken by proficient speakers of the language is available through the Gaelic television channel BBC Alba and Radio nan Gàidheal.