

Introducing Advanced Higher Modern Languages (French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish)

Advanced Higher is SQA's highest level of National Course. It is very demanding. Advanced Higher extends students' knowledge and skills beyond Higher. Students will face new academic and personal challenges, requiring them to develop their knowledge and abilities and to think and work independently.

Advanced Higher Modern Languages

The Advanced Higher Modern Languages Course consists of one compulsory two-credit Unit (*Language*) and an optional one-credit Unit (choose from *Extended Reading/Viewing* or *Language in Work*). The *Language* Unit looks at three broad themes: personal, social and cultural issues; topical and cultural issues; and environmental issues.

The aim of this Course is to enable candidates to use the modern language independently in increasingly competent, flexible and confident ways.

To achieve an award in the Course, a candidate must pass the following:

- ◆ internal assessment in both Units
- ◆ external assessment covering: **Speaking** (25%) – Visiting Examiner, discussion sampling across both Units (20 minutes); **Folio** (15%) – two essays (750 words each) based on *Extended Reading/Viewing* Unit OR one research report (1500 words) based on *Language in Work* Unit, in English; and an **Examination** — Paper 1 Reading and Translation (25%), and Paper 2 Listening (15%) and Discursive Writing (20%)

From Advanced Higher, candidates will be in a position to pursue further foreign language study or to use the foreign language in a variety of ways, which might include:

- ◆ specialised study of the language/literature/culture of the country(ies) concerned
- ◆ study abroad in a range of subjects as part of a British degree
- ◆ interaction with speakers of the language in a work context or on holiday abroad
- ◆ use of the skills acquired to learn additional foreign languages
- ◆ access to literature and media in the foreign language for personal enjoyment

Further Information

You can find the detailed Course Arrangements on the Modern Languages page of SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk). A specimen examination paper is also available on the website, together with other information and guidance.

Copies of past examination papers (for the last two years) can be purchased from SQA's Customer Contact Centre – tel 0845 279 1000. The Contact Centre can also send you our free leaflet *Introducing Advanced Higher* (publication code BD2803).