



Roinn nan Cànan
Languages Department
Sprachabteilung

COURSE INFORMATION

Gàidhlig, Advanced Higher

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

Candidates who do not wish to sit the final exam may achieve individual units.

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
- External Exam: 70 marks
- Speaking Exam: 30 marks

PAPER 1 – 1 hr 30 mins | 30 marks

Practical Criticism 30 marks | 30%

- Read two texts: one will be fiction and the other will be non-fiction

Performance – 20 mins | 30 marks | 30%

- Discussion about the Specialist Study and any other topics studied.
- Marks awarded for style, structure, content, language resource, accuracy and interaction.

PAPER 2 – 1 hr 30 mins | 40 marks

Literature 20 marks | 20%

- Write one essay based on a literary text studied.

Writing 30 marks | 30%

- Choose **one** essay title from a choice of 8.

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.
- 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 AH 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.
- www.learnghaelic.net
- www.bbc.co.uk/alba