

AS / A2 German

Is this course for me?

If you are inspired by language and culture and want to get ahead in an international world—yes! With German the most-spoken native language in Europe and Germany boasting the world's fifth largest economy*, an advanced qualification in German can open many doors.

Students who choose A Level German develop the knowledge and skills acquired at GCSE. They gain a useful insight into another culture and reflect on various aspects of contemporary society. They also enhance their employment prospects, facilitate foreign travel and experience the enjoyment and motivation of improving their linguistic level. German A Level also looks impressive on university and career applications.

What do I need?

To undertake the A level course you will need a B grade or higher at GCSE and a keen interest in developing your linguistic skills.

What will I study?

At AS we cover 4 main topics, each with 3 sub-topics:

- Media (TV, advertising, technology)
- Popular culture (film, music, fashion trends)
- Healthy living (sport and exercise, health and well-being, holidays)
- Family and relationships (family, friendships, marriage and partnerships)

At A2 the topics are:

- Environment
- The multi-cultural society
- Contemporary social issues
- Cultural topic of your choice

Alongside your main lessons, you will have sessions with the language assistant. There will also be an opportunity to undertake work experience in Germany.

How do the exams work?

AS and A2 have two units each:

AS Unit 1: Listening, reading and writing (70% of AS, 35% of total A2)

AS Unit 2: Speaking (30% of AS, 15% of total A2)

A2 Unit 3: Listening, reading and writing (35% of A2)

A2 Unit 4: Speaking (15% of A2)

Exam board: AQA

What are my career options?

Universities and employers recognise German as a demanding and prestigious course that develops thinking and communicative skills. Students who choose German have a competitive edge on the job market. A knowledge of German is invaluable for careers in Science, Finance, Economics, Government, Foreign Trade and International Law. This makes German a great choice for enriching your studies at A level.

Any questions? Speak to a member of the MFL department!



* <http://www.economywatch.com/economies-in-top/>