**A Level French**

**What will I need to study this course?**

You will ideally need a minimum of a Grade 5 in GCSE French.

**What will I study?**

Students study technological and social change, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings. They will study highlights of French-speaking artistic culture, including francophone music and cinema, and learn about political engagement and who wields political power in the French-speaking world.

Students also explore the influence of the past on present-day French-speaking communities. Throughout their studies, they will learn the language in the context of French-speaking countries and the issues and influences which have shaped them. Students will study texts and film and have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

**How is the course assessed?**

The course is linear with exams covering all four skills areas incorporated into 3 papers.

**Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing**

*What's assessed* -

* Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends
* Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues
* Artistic culture in the French-speaking world
* Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world
* Grammar

*How it's assessed* -

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, 100 marks, 50% of A-level.

**Paper 2: Writing**

*What's assessed* -

* One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification
* Grammar

*How it's assessed*

Written exam: 2 hours, 80 marks in total, 20% of A-level.

**Paper 3: Speaking**

*What's assessed -*

* Individual research project
* One of four themes (Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends, Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues, Artistic culture in the French-speaking world, Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world)

*How it's assessed* -

Oral exam: 21–23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time), 60 marks in total, 30% of A-level.

**Where next?**

Employers will often actively seek students who have a second and even a third language. In our globalised world the ability to speak and write in another language will help you to forge global links which are not always accessible to those without language skills. You will have a broader range of career options, not just in the UK but for global companies and organisations that need your ability to network in another language. All organisations need good communicators, and as a linguist you may have a considerable advantage.

[What can I do with a modern languages degree? | Prospects.ac.uk](https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/modern-languages)

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