

French

Qualification Level: A-Level

Qualification Duration: 2 years

Exam Board: AQA



Intro:

The A-level French course is a comprehensive program designed to develop students' proficiency in the French language and provide them with a deeper understanding of the culture, society, and issues of the French-speaking world. The course covers a wide range of skills and topics, including contemporary challenges from a French-speaking perspective, such as immigration, politics, and social inequalities. It delves into the culture, history, and society of French-speaking countries, helping students gain a broad perspective on the French-speaking world. Emphasis is placed on students' ability to engage in debates, discussions, and extended essays in French.

Overall, the AQA A-level French course offers a well-rounded and in-depth study of the French language, culture, and society, preparing students for higher education or future career opportunities in French-speaking regions or fields related to French language and culture.

Course content:

Social issues and trends

Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends

- The changing nature of family (La famille en voie de changement)
- The 'cyber-society' (La « cyber-société »)
- The place of voluntary work (Le rôle du bénévolat)

Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues

- Positive features of a diverse society (Les aspects positifs d'une société diverse)
- Life for the marginalised (Quelle vie pour les marginalisés ?)
- How criminals are treated (Comment on traite les criminels)

Political and artistic culture

Artistic culture in the French speaking world

- A culture proud of its heritage (Une culture fière de son patrimoine)
- Contemporary francophone music (La musique francophone contemporaine)
- Cinema : the 7th art form (Cinéma : le septième art)

Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world

- Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment (Les ados, le droit de voter et l'engagement politique)
- Demonstrations, strikes: who holds the power? (Manifestations, grèves : qui détient le pouvoir ?)
- Politics and immigration (La politique et l'immigration)

Trips and other costs:

Books: £40 (for the whole course) + £10 for the Grammar and Translation workbook

Trips: TBC

Career and further study:

A-level French can complement a range of other options: it could pair well with subjects like Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, and Politics. But it would also nicely balance out options such as Physics, Maths and Computer Science.

A-level French not only prepares students for the research element of a university degree with the individual research project, but it develops many skills that employers struggle to find in applicants nowadays. It can lead to many unexpected careers (beyond the ones listed below) because your increased communication skills, your ability to debate current issues, your understanding of other cultures from a historical, cultural and societal perspective, your curiosity and respect for other viewpoints and your enhanced problem solving skills will give you a competitive edge just as much as the ability to speak, read and write in French. Languages will widen your horizons, which really appeals to employers.

Possible career paths available with A-level French include:

- Travel and Tourism
- Journalism
- Diplomatic service officer
- Marketing
- International business
- French Translator
- Interpreter
- Bilingual flight attendant
- Government jobs
- Educational content creation
- Medical field
- Bilingual customer support
- Legal and law enforcement
- International development worker
- Bilingual social worker
- Bilingual speech and language pathology
- French teacher

