

German

Examination Board: Edexcel

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Why Study German?

The best language learners are keen to speak, not shy to give their opinions, pay attention to detail (accuracy becomes increasingly important) and are interested in what's going on in Germany and the German-speaking world. They keep up to date by following German speaking social media.

German A level is designed to offer a stimulating content, which enables students to develop their linguistic skills alongside their understanding of the culture and society of the countries where German is spoken. The course fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and to society. Students study technological and social change, highlights of German-speaking artistic culture, including art and architecture, and will learn how Germany's political landscape was formed. Students will also study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice. During the course there will be the opportunity to support the German trip to Aachen and Cologne as a Language Leader.

Career Paths & Degree Courses

German can lead to a Higher Education language course including combined courses with most other subjects, including politics and business. Language skills are highly sought after in the business world. Specific careers involving German include: tourism, marketing, translating, teaching, engineering, fashion, politics, business and journalism.

“Through studying German I’ve grown my interests in the languages, the country and its culture. Learning German has given me the opportunity to develop my language skills and better understand what’s important in German society. I’ve been able to go to Germany and experience the topics first hand.”

Year 13 Student

Requirements

At least five 9-4 grades at GCSE, with a minimum average grade score of 4.5. At least a grade 6 in GCSE German.

Recommended - English GCSE at grade 5 or above.

Year 12

In the first year, aspects of social context are studied, such as the importance of the Environment, together with the artistic life of German-speaking countries. Music, politics, literature and film all contribute to a varied and interesting course of study. A focus on spontaneity and authentic interaction are key to seeing students' confidence and aptitude flourish.

Year 13

In the second year, we delve deeper into the social background of Germany, covering topics such as immigration and Germany's political landscape in relation to its place in Europe. Germany's history and its role in shaping the present is viewed through the reunification while the focus on young people and politics looks forward to shaping the future of German-speaking countries.