A Level German (Eduqas)

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100% A*-A in 2024

The A Level German course offers the opportunity to learn more about life in Germany and other German-speaking countries, by studying authentic German material covering issues of interest to young people today:

- Travel and exploration of the wider world, including working and studying abroad, and local culture and festivals in Germany and German-speaking countries and communities
- Contemporary youth culture, including personal identity, trends, entertainment, media and digital culture, and youth sub-cultures
- Diversity and tolerance, including migration and integration and cultural identity
- The making of modern Germany from 1989 onwards, and the initial and subsequent process of reunification and social cohesion in present-day Germany. The economic impact of a united Germany

Our students are usually taught in groups of up to 12, with opportunities to work in smaller groups or pairs. The Languages Faculty has a digital language laboratory with IT facilities for individual and independent study. We are also lucky enough to have a German Assistant to give weekly conversation practice and support.

German A Level provides access to many interesting and combined degree courses at university, including German and Law, and German with Business Studies. Many of these courses involve a year's study in Germany, and lead to a variety of exciting career prospects. Studying German also helps you develop your skills in English - essay writing, for example, which is highly desirable for careers in fields such as Law, Journalism, Advertising and Teaching.

Languages and employers

"Employers ranging from law firms to multinational banks, to major aid and development organisations confirmed that applicants with languages were, at the very least, viewed more favourably than those without."

"Some state categorically, that they would not employ people who spoke only English. For some companies, the specific languages were immaterial: they saw students with languages as much more flexible and adaptable, more likely to appreciate the need for intercultural communication skills and more able to build relationships with counterparts or clients in other countries."

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