



# A-Level French

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Criteria: GCSE FRENCH Grade 6

## Overview

The A-Level French course builds on GCSE knowledge, expanding language skills and cultural understanding. Key areas of study include:

- ▶ **Technological and Social Change:** Examines diversity and its benefits.
- ▶ **French-Speaking Culture:** Focuses on francophone music, cinema, and history.
- ▶ **Political Engagement:** Studies who holds political power in French-speaking regions.
- ▶ **Cultural Influence:** Explores how historical events shape present-day French-speaking communities.

Students will study various texts and films, conduct independent research on a chosen topic, and enhance their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

**Skills Required:** Good organization, resilience, independence, strong grammar knowledge, a good memory, and an interest in francophone culture.



## Assessment

### Paper 1: Listening, Reading, and Writing

- ▶ **Duration:** 2.5 hours
- ▶ **Marks:** 100
- ▶ **Weighting:** 50% of A-Level

### Paper 2: Writing

- ▶ **Duration:** 2 hours
- ▶ **Marks:** 80
- ▶ **Weighting:** 20% of A-Level

### Paper 3: Speaking

- ▶ **Duration:** 21-23 minutes (5 minutes prep)
- ▶ **Marks:** 60
- ▶ **Weighting:** 30% of A-Level



## Recommended Resources

1. **TV and Music:** Watch favorite programs and films in French, listen to French music.
2. **Websites:** 1jour1actu.fr, meteofrance.fr, Seneca Learning, Coffee Break French, Le Monde.



## Super-curricular resources

- ▶ Kid-friendly news: ([www.1jour1actu.fr](http://www.1jour1actu.fr))
- ▶ French meteorological service: ([www.meteofrance.fr](http://www.meteofrance.fr))
- ▶ Seneca | A Level French Online Learning: ([senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/A-Level-french-free-online-course](http://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/A-Level-french-free-online-course))
- ▶ One Thing In A French Day: ([www.onethinginafrenchday.com/one-thing-in-a-french-day](http://www.onethinginafrenchday.com/one-thing-in-a-french-day))
- ▶ Coffee Break Languages - Coffee Break French: ([coffebreaklanguages.com/coffebreakfrench](http://coffebreaklanguages.com/coffebreakfrench))
- ▶ Learn French by Podcast: ([www.learnfrenchbypodcast.com](http://www.learnfrenchbypodcast.com))
- ▶ Online French Courses - Memrise: The Easiest way to Speak French: ([www.memrise.com/en/learn-french/french-course](http://www.memrise.com/en/learn-french/french-course))
- ▶ *Le Monde*, French newspaper: ([www.lemonde.fr](http://www.lemonde.fr))



## Career Progression

Languages enhance career opportunities in fields like **humanities, law, business, advertising, marketing, banking**, and more. Many universities offer combined degrees or study-abroad opportunities, making French a valuable addition to any career path.