

German



at RHB Sixth Form

German speakers constitute the largest linguistic group in the European Union, exerting a *significant influence* on European *history* and *culture* for almost two thousand years. Due to Germany's location, it has served as a natural bridge connecting the eastern and western, as well as the northern and southern regions. Throughout pivotal periods like the *Reformation*, *Romanticism*, and *Modernism*, the German territory gave rise to numerous cultural movements encompassing *literature*, *art*, *theology*, *philosophy*, *music*, and *visual aesthetics*, which continue to shape today's global society.

"Taking German at A Level allowed me to broaden my horizons, both culturally and academically. It's challenging but definitely worth it for the satisfaction when everything falls into place. Having the chance to study German literature has also been a brilliant opportunity. German has been exciting, academically rigorous, but most of all a lot of fun."

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COURSE OUTLINE

The A Level course will allow you to extend your knowledge of language by building upon skills learnt and developed at GCSE, becoming more proficient at listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Topics covered include youth culture (music, fashion), the family, technology, festivals and traditions, multiculturalism in German speaking countries, art and political culture such as German reunification and its consequences.

An exciting and rewarding part of the course is the study of film and literature. By the end of the course you will feel confident about speaking, writing and understanding German. You will also gain insight into Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

Listening, reading and writing Paper (50%)

Writing Paper (20%)

Writing about the film and text studied.

Oral (30%)

Discussion of a topic and an individual research project.

IS THIS THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ME?

German will interest you if you enjoy communicating with others and wish to broaden your cultural horizons. If you like literature and film, these aspects of the course will appeal to you. A good memory for new words and an understanding of how grammar works are helpful, and we will build on these skills.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Further Education

Taking German at A Level will enable you to pursue it at a higher level. German can be combined with many other subjects, allowing students to develop linguistic and vocational skills. Former students have gone on to study German at Oxford, and other courses such as German and History, German and Russian, Law and Business.

Careers

As a linguist, a huge array of career options will be open to you. The transferable skills of linguists make them highly sought after across all professions including banking, business, accounting, the media, travel and tourism. German is the most widely spoken language in Europe with 110 million speakers, and German speaking nations are at the forefront of design, environmental and scientific technology. On average, languages graduates earn 8% more than their peers.

ENRICHMENT

During the course, you will also conduct an Independent Research Project on a theme of your choice related to German culture, so you will have the chance to focus on your specific area of interest. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a language visit to Berlin.

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