



Advanced Higher Latin — draft Course rationale and summary



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Course rationale

Background

All new and revised National Courses reflect Curriculum for Excellence values, purposes and principles. They offer flexibility, provide more time for learning, more focus on skills and applying learning, and scope for personalisation and choice.

In this Course, and its component Units, there will be an emphasis on skills development and the application of those skills. Assessment approaches will be proportionate, fit for purpose and will promote best practice, enabling learners to achieve the highest standards they can.

This Course provides learners with opportunities to continue to acquire and develop the attributes and capabilities of the four capacities, as well as skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work.

All Courses provide opportunities for learners to develop breadth, challenge and application, but the focus and balance of the assessment will be appropriate for the subject area.

Relationship between the Course and Curriculum for Excellence values, purposes and principles

Advanced Higher Latin supports lifelong learning for students of all ages. Learning about the cultures of our world or about the social and political dimensions of our society will be enhanced by an awareness of the contributions made by Roman civilisations.

Advanced Higher Latin provides learners with the opportunity to:

- ◆ use different media effectively for learning and communication
- ◆ develop deeper understanding of how language works, and use further developed language skills to communicate ideas and information with clarity
- ◆ use creative and critical thinking to synthesise ideas and arguments
- ◆ enhance their enjoyment and their understanding of their own and other cultures through the study of literature and language
- ◆ develop language competence further to support understanding and communication
- ◆ explore a particular area of interest in Latin and/or Roman civilisation through an independent study at an advanced level on a topic of their choice

Advanced Higher Latin provides learners with the opportunity to develop linguistic awareness and analytical skills in translation and interpretation, through the study of Latin texts. Learners develop an appreciation of the interconnected nature of languages and develop an understanding of Roman civilisation and its influence on their own culture and that of others.

Learners encounter a wide range of different types of texts in different media. Building on the four capacities, the Advanced Higher Latin Course enables learners to communicate, be critical thinkers, develop cultural awareness, be creative and be able to work independently.

Purpose and aims of the Course

The main purpose of Advanced Higher Latin is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop and apply at an advanced level the language skills of translation and interpretation through the study of Latin language and literature and the production of an independent research paper.

Advanced Higher Latin provides opportunities to apply skills in practical and relevant contexts, and to appreciate more the legacy and influence of Roman civilisation on contemporary Scotland and the rest of the world in areas such as medicine, law, horticulture, drama, politics and the arts.

Advanced Higher Latin offers learners opportunities for in-depth study of Latin language and literature. It offers learners opportunities to develop and extend a wide range of skills, including communication, independent learning, critical literacy, personal, interpersonal and team working, and creative thinking. In particular, Advanced Higher Latin aims to enable learners to:

- ◆ develop, to an advanced level, language skills in order to translate unseen verse and prose passages into lucid English
- ◆ develop a knowledge of a wide range of Latin vocabulary
- ◆ develop the advanced language skills of understanding, analysis and evaluation
- ◆ develop the ability to apply knowledge of language
- ◆ develop an understanding of how language works
- ◆ further develop language acquisition skills
- ◆ explore the interconnected nature of languages
- ◆ develop reference skills including those of using a bilingual dictionary
- ◆ extend and apply high-order skills to plan, research to produce an independent research paper exploring an aspect of the Latin language or of the Roman world chosen by the learners as appropriate to their interests

Advanced Higher Latin contributes towards the development of literacy skills by providing learners with opportunities to listen and talk, read and write in English, and to read in Latin.

Information about typical learners who might do the Course

Advanced Higher Latin provides flexibility, personalisation and choice to enable learners to achieve in different ways and at a different pace.

Entry to the Course is at the discretion of the centre, though it would be advantageous for learners to have completed the Higher Latin Course. Advanced Higher Latin provides opportunities for learners to build on prior learning experienced ideally both in a broad general education and in Latin qualifications at a lower SCQF level.

The Advanced Higher Latin Course is designed to be accessible.

Progression from Advanced Higher Latin includes opportunities for vertical and lateral progression to:

- ◆ higher education
- ◆ further education
- ◆ further linguistic study
- ◆ employment

Course summary

Course title: Advanced Higher Latin

SCQF level 7 (32 SCQF credit points)

Course outline

Mandatory Units

The Course comprises the following mandatory Units:

Latin: Translating (Advanced Higher)	8 SCQF credit points
Latin: Literary Appreciation (Advanced Higher)	8 SCQF credit points
Latin: Independent Research Project (Advanced Higher)	8 SCQF credit points

Course assessment **8 SCQF credit points**

This Course includes eight SCQF credit points to allow additional time for preparation for Course assessment. The Course assessment covers the added value of the Course. Further information on the Course assessment is provided in the Assessment section.

Course structure and conditions of award

Course structure

This Course is made up of three mandatory Units:

- ◆ Latin: Translating (Advanced Higher)
- ◆ Latin: Literary Appreciation (Advanced Higher)
- ◆ Latin: Independent Research Project (Advanced Higher)

Latin: Translating (Advanced Higher)

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop and extend the advanced language skills needed for detailed and accurate translation into English of unseen Latin verse and prose texts, to develop their knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex language.

Latin: Literary Appreciation (Advanced Higher)

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop the advanced skills that are needed to understand, analyse and evaluate in depth complex literary texts both in Latin and in English translation.

Latin: Independent Research Project (Advanced Higher)

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to extend and apply high-level skills in planning and research to produce an independent research project based on an aspect of the Latin language or of the Roman world chosen by the learner as appropriate to their interests.

Units are statements of standards for assessment and not programmes of learning and teaching. They can be delivered in a variety of ways.

Conditions of award

To gain the award of the Course, the learner must pass all of the Units as well as the Course assessment. The required Units are shown in the Course outline section. Course assessment will provide the basis for grading attainment in the Course award.

Assessment

Information about assessment standards for the Course is included in the *Course Assessment Specification*, which provides full details including advice on how a learner's overall attainment for the Course will be determined.

Unit assessment

All Units are internally assessed against the requirements shown in the Unit Specification.

They can be assessed on a Unit-by-Unit basis or by combined assessment.

They will be assessed on a pass/fail basis within centres. SQA will provide rigorous external quality assurance, including external verification, to ensure assessment judgments are consistent and meet national standards.

Exemplification of possible assessment approaches for these Units is provided in the *National Assessment Resource*.

Course assessment

Courses from National 4 to Advanced Higher include assessment of [added value](#)¹. At National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher, the added value will be assessed in the Course assessment. The added value for the Course must address the key purposes and aims of the Course, as defined in the Course Rationale. It will do this by addressing one or more of breadth, challenge and application.

In the Advanced Higher Latin Course, added value will focus on:

- ◆ breadth
- ◆ challenge

In Advanced Higher Latin, the added value of the Course is in challenge and application. Learners apply and integrate their language skills, using a variety of sources, including Latin texts and other Roman source materials. The Course assessment will take the form of two [question papers](#)² — one on unseen translation and one on literary appreciation skills — and a [project](#)³ which explores an aspect of the Latin language or of the Roman world.

¹ Definitions can be found here: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45528.html

² See link above for definitions.

³ See link above for definitions.