
Gàidhlig: Specialist Study of Language and/or Culture

SCQF: level 7 (8 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: J2BW 77

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop their investigative and analytical skills to produce an independent specialist study based on an aspect of Gaelic as a language and/or culture chosen by the learner.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Plan and research an independent specialist study on an aspect of Gaelic literature and/or language and/or culture.

This Unit is available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provide advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in *Unit Assessment Support*.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ Higher Gàidhlig Course or relevant Units

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

It is expected that learners will have been allocated to Gàidhlig* or Gaelic (Learners)* programmes of study in accordance with SQA's published guidelines (see [Guidance on Allocation to Gàidhlig or Gaelic \(Learners\) Programmes of Study and Qualification](#)).

***Note:** 'Gàidhlig' and 'Gaelic' refer throughout to Scottish Gaelic only.

Standards

Outcomes and Assessment Standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

- 1 Plan and research an independent specialist study on an aspect of Gaelic literature and/or language and/or culture by :**
 - 1.1 Identifying an appropriate focus and creating a study plan
 - 1.2 Selecting, analysing and evaluating evidence and reaching conclusions

Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Learners are required to provide evidence of their investigative and analytical skills by:

- ◆ planning an outline of their specialist study
- ◆ selecting, analysing and evaluating evidence from a range of sources

Exemplification of assessment is provided in *Unit Assessment Support*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

1 Literacy

- 1.1 Reading
- 1.2 Writing
- 1.3 Listening and talking

4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship

- 4.6 Citizenship

5 Thinking skills

- 5.3 Applying
- 5.4 Analysing and evaluating
- 5.5 Creating

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level as the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Administrative information

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History of changes

Version	Description of change	Authorised by	Date
2.0	Outcome revised and clarified. Assessment Standards 1.1 and 1.2 revised and simplified.	Qualification Development Manager	April 2015
3.0	Level changed from Advanced Higher to SCQF level 7 Unit code updated	Qualifications Manager	July 2019

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