
Modern Languages: Specialist Study

SCQF: level 7 (8 SCQF credit points)

Unit code:	J29R 77	Cantonese
	J2BS 77	French
	J2C9 77	Gaelic (Learners)
	J2B3 77	German
	J29P 77	Italian
	J29W 77	Mandarin (Simplified)
	J29X 77	Mandarin (Traditional)
	J2BE 77	Spanish

Unit outline

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop and extend planning, research and analytical skills in order to undertake an independent specialist study based on literature or media or language in a work.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Plan and research an independent specialist study, based on literature or media or language in work

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.

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:

- ◆ the relevant Higher Modern Languages 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*.

Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

Plan and research an independent specialist study, based on literature or media or language in work by:

- 1.1 Identifying an appropriate focus and creating a research plan
- 1.2 Selecting and analysing evidence

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 will be required to provide evidence of their planning, research and analytical skills by:

- ◆ planning and researching their specialist study
- ◆ selecting and analysing evidence

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

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

1.2 Writing

4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship

4.6 Citizenship

5 Thinking skills

5.3 Applying

5.4 Analysing and evaluating

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 Assessment Support*.

Administrative information

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History of changes

Version	Description of change	Authorised by	Date
2.0	Specialist Study Unit replaces Extended Reading and Viewing, and Language in Work Units	Qualifications 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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