

Introducing Advanced Higher English

Advanced Higher is SQA's highest level of National Course. It is very demanding. Advanced Higher extends students' knowledge and skills beyond Higher. Students will face new academic and personal challenges, requiring them to develop their knowledge and abilities, and to think and work independently.

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The Advanced Higher English Course consists of two mandatory Units and a further Unit chosen from a list of options.

The two mandatory Units are *Specialist Study* (an independent study of an aspect of literature or language or media) and *Literary Study*.

The optional Units (from which the student chooses one) are *Creative Writing*, *Language Study*, *Textual Analysis* and *Reading the Media*.

To achieve an overall pass in the Course, a candidate must pass internal assessment (conducted in the school or college) in all three Units and must also pass external assessment through examination performance for *Literary Study* (and for *Textual Analysis* or *Language Study* or *Reading the Media*, if the candidate chooses one of these options) and through submitted coursework for *Specialist Study* (and for *Creative Writing*, if the candidate chooses this option).

Whatever combination of Units is taken, the resulting Course and assessment will be at a consistently advanced level.

Candidates who pursue their studies and successfully complete the Course in Advanced Higher English will:

- ◆ possess an award at a level specified as an entry qualification for various tertiary education courses
- ◆ gain a qualification which, for some tertiary education courses, carries a credit transfer rating allowing accelerated progression on those courses
- ◆ gain a qualification which signals an ability to demonstrate a range of high order skills across a number of sophisticated purposes
- ◆ possess a level of communicative competence which will enable them to access other levels of the curriculum at an advanced level.

Further Information

You can find the detailed Course Arrangements on the English page of SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk). A specimen examination paper is also available here, together with other information and guidance.

Copies of past examination papers (for the last two years) can be purchased from SQA's Customer Contact Centre – tel 0845 279 1000. The Contact Centre can also send you our free leaflet *Introducing Advanced Higher* (publication code BD2803).