

## CAREERS INFORMATION



### Career Areas

Languages are useful in many business sectors:

- Hospitality and Tourism
- Engineering / oil and gas
- Financial sector
- Marketing and global sales
- Science and conservation
- Secretarial / business management
- Journalism / broadcasting
- Sports
- The Arts
- Teaching
- Interpreting / translating
- Diplomatic service / Armed forces

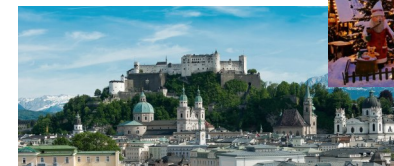
## OTHER INFORMATION

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## Modern Languages

## National 5 German



### English is NOT enough!

Together we must help Scotland's youngsters realise that "English is enough" is a dangerously misleading myth. Modern Languages Excellence Report (SCILT, 2011)

Further advice and information on these options is available from your subject teacher, guidance teacher and careers adviser.



TURRIFF ACADEMY

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# COURSE INFORMATION

## Why choose to continue to study languages?

As well as being a fun and motivating experience, learning languages boosts brainpower. Learning a language can help provide:

- A better understanding of their mother tongue, which in turn has a positive effect on literacy.
- Intercultural understanding,
- Empathy, tolerance and appreciation of diversity.
- Better critical thinking skills

Learning a language can delay the symptoms of dementia by up to five years, as well as aid recovery after a stroke.

- and is very good for business.

## Why GERMAN?

German is an official language in Austria, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, eastern France, northern Italy and eastern Belgium. It is also an important second language in many Eastern European countries.

German is the number one language required by UK businesses according to research by the British Council. Germany, Austria and Switzerland are also popular tourist destinations—for skiing, cruises on the River Rhine, city breaks.

## Purpose of National 5 German course:

This course offers you the opportunity to develop detailed language skills in meaningful contexts of culture, society, learning and work. You will study a wide range of different types of texts in different media. You will also learn to think critically, creatively and develop cultural awareness.

# Course Outline

## Entry to the course

The school or college will decide on the entry requirements for the course. You would normally have achieved:

- **CfE Level 4 German**
- **National 4 German**

## Content of the course

In this course you will develop your reading and listening skills in German through the study of different texts in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture. The units are the same as those for **National 4** but you will have to produce a higher standard of work.

You will also develop your writing and talking skills on the same four contexts and an understanding of more detailed language structures.

# ASSESSMENT

## **Course Assignment—Writing**

You will produce a piece of writing of 120-150 words, in German, using detailed language, on one of the contexts of Society, Learning or Culture. This will be produced in class, and you will be given the opportunity to improve your work. The assignment is marked externally by the SQA.

> The assignment is worth 12.5% of the final grade.

## **Course Assessment — Performance, Talking**

You will carry out a presentation of 1-2 minutes and a conversation of 5-6 minutes, in German, covering at least two of the contexts (Society, Learning, Employability and Culture). The presentation and conversation will be prepared in class. The talking performance exam is carried out in school and marked by the class teacher, subject to verification by the SQA.

> The Talking is worth 25% of the final grade.

# FURTHER COURSES IN TURRIFF ACADEMY

## **In S4/5/6:**

Higher German  
Advanced Higher German  
National 4 French  
National 5 French  
Higher French  
Advanced Higher French

# PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this course may lead to:

- **further study and training** ( German Higher )
- **employment opportunities** (see over)
- or simply the **enjoyment of a fuller cultural and linguistic experience** when travelling in a German speaking country.

## The reality of today's world of work

- ⇒ Only 6% of world population are native English speakers. 75% don't speak English at all
- ⇒ Language skills are needed at all levels in the workforce, and not simply by an internationally mobile elite.
- ⇒ Only around one third of businesses have no need at all for foreign language skills in their employees – and this is likely to decrease in future. (SCILT)
- ⇒ Germany is Scotland's fourth largest overseas market with sales of £1.9 billion in 2016. (news.gov.scot)
- ⇒ Germany is the third largest source of foreign direct investment into Scotland, with 155 German-owned companies employing nearly 18,000 people. (news.gov.scot)