

AS/A Level French

(Available for teaching from September 2008)

This specification gives candidates an excellent grounding in all aspects of the French language, with the opportunity to demonstrate their ability in speaking, listening, reading and writing as well as to study social and cultural aspects of the French speaking world.



What are the benefits to me and my students of delivering this OCR specification?

- It supports breadth and depth of study by building on the strengths of the previous specification.
- It offers the opportunity for candidates to study a range of social and cultural topics related to countries where French is spoken.
- It cuts the assessment burden on students with just two units at AS and two units at A2.
- Just one written assessment at each level and one speaking test at each level.
- Straightforward assessment with no coursework required.
- Topics have been streamlined.
- This new specification is excellent preparation for students intending to study French at degree level or who are interested in careers where French may be useful.

AS Level

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional?
Speaking 1	Topics include aspects of daily life, leisure and entertainment, communication and media, education and training. Activities are role play and topic discussion.	Mandatory
Listening, Reading and Writing 1	Topics include aspects of daily life, leisure and entertainment, communication and media, education and training. Activities are listening, reading, writing and responding in French/English.	Mandatory

A2 Level

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional?
Speaking 2	Topics include society, the environment, science and technology, culture. Activities are discussion of article and topic discussion.	Mandatory
Listening, Reading and Writing 2	Topics include society, the environment, science and technology, culture. Activities are listening, reading, writing and responding in French/English.	Mandatory

How is this qualification assessed?

All units are externally assessed – the multi-skill units through a written paper and the speaking units either through a visiting examiner (20+ candidates from the same centre) or through submitting recorded tests. Speaking tests are taken before the main examination period.

Units are available in January and June.

Assessment availability

AS

AS units first available June 2009.

A2

A2 Listening, Reading and Writing 2 first available January 2010.

What support will I receive?

Training

There will be a programme of INSET training for teachers.

Publishers

OCR endorses textbooks published by OUP for the study of this language.

Resources

You can download the following resources from the OCR website – www.ocr.org.uk.

- Specimen Assessment Materials available for all units
- Schemes of Work will be included in the support materials.