

Subject name	German
Subject code	GER
Subject type	General
Subject fee	Nil
Prerequisites	Recommended prior study in German to Year 10

Course overview

German provides students with the opportunity to reflect on their understanding of the German language and the communities that use it, while also assisting in the effective negotiation of experiences and meaning across cultures and languages. Students participate in a range of interactions in which they exchange meaning, develop intercultural understanding and become active participants in understanding and constructing written, spoken and visual texts.

Students communicate with people from German-speaking communities to understand the purpose and nature of language and to gain understanding of linguistic structures. They acquire language in social and cultural settings and communicate across a range of contexts for a variety of purposes.

Students experience and evaluate a range of different text types; reorganise their thinking to accommodate other linguistic and intercultural knowledge and textual conventions; and create texts for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences.

Course outline

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Meine Welt: My world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family/carers • Peers • Education 	Unsere Welt erkunden: Exploring our world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel and exploration • Social customs • German influences around the world 	Unsere Gesellschaft; Kultur und Identität: Our society; culture and identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifestyles and leisure • The arts, entertainment and sports • Groups in society 	Meine Gegenwart; Meine Zukunft: My present; My future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The present • Future choices

Assessment

Units 1 and 2 are devised to replicate instruments used in Units 3 and 4. Assessments in Unit 1 and 2 are formative. In Units 3 and 4 students complete four Summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall exit subject result from QCAA that is A-E.

Summative assessments

Unit 3	Unit 4		
Summative internal assessment 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination — short response 	20%	Summative internal assessment 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multimodal presentation and interview 	30%
Summative internal assessment 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination — extended response 	25%	Summative external assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination — combination response 	25%

Career opportunities

A course of study in German can establish a basis for further education (studying a language is looked at favourably by most universities) and employment in many professions and industries. In particular, those where the knowledge of an additional language and the intercultural understanding it encompasses could be of value, such as: business, hospitality, law, science, technology, sociology and education.