

Pearson Edexcel IAL Overview: French, German & Spanish



100% externally assessed



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Containing up to date and engaging content, the Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level qualifications in French, German and Spanish are designed to enhance students' future educational and employment prospects. Achievement in these qualifications is benchmarked against the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

At a glance

The structure of these qualifications allows teachers to construct a course of study that can be taught and assessed as either:

- distinct modules of teaching and learning with related units of assessment taken at appropriate stages during the course; or, if wished,
- a linear course assessed in its entirety at the end.

An International Advanced Subsidiary qualification can be claimed as a discrete qualification on completion of the two International Advanced Subsidiary (IAS) units.

The International Advanced Level qualification can be claimed on completion of all four units in the specification.

IAS	IAL
To achieve IAS, students must complete all IAS units.	To achieve IAL, students must complete all IAS and all IA2 units.
Two IAS units: Units 1 and 2.	Two IAS units: Units 1 and 2 plus two IA2 units: Units 3 and 4.

Content

The qualifications cover four general topic areas (GTAs) in the IAS and seven GTAs in the IAL.

IAS – general topic areas	IAL – additional general topic areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Youth matters● Lifestyle, health and fitness● Environment and travel● Education and employment	<p>All the GTAs as shown opposite, including...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Technology in the native-speaking regions● Society in the native-speaking regions● Ethics in the native-speaking regions.

See pages 7–9 for more detail on the content and assessment of each qualification.

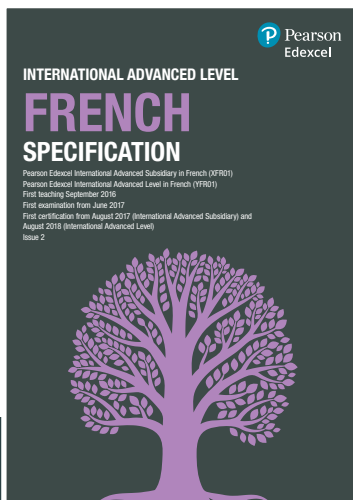
Approach

These qualifications will equip students with transferable skills such as autonomy, resourcefulness, creativity, critical and analytical thinking, and linguistic, cultural and cognitive flexibility. The approach taken involves:

- Spoken communication skills that are assessed separately in Units 1 and 3.
- The skills of listening, reading and writing that are assessed in Units 2 and 4.
- GTAs that relate to the interests of students studying a specific language.
- Culturally sensitive and authentic texts that appear throughout the qualification.

Specifications

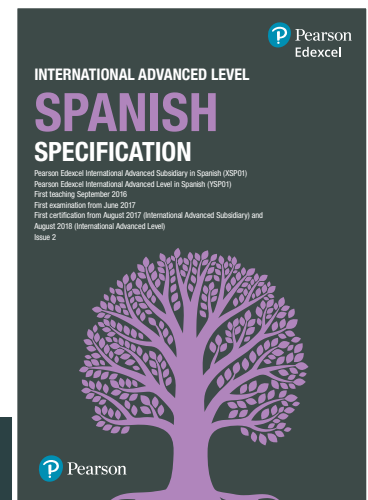
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Helping students make the best progress they can

We have developed these qualifications so that they will engage international students and give them skills that will support their progression to further study of languages and to a wide range of other subjects. The specifications aim to engage students with minimal prescription and maximum choice, so that they enjoy language learning and achieve their full potential in International Advanced level qualifications.

Aims of the Qualification

The aims and objectives of these qualifications are to enable students to develop:

- an understanding of a wide variety of complex reading texts for different purposes
- an understanding of standard spoken language, whether live or broadcast, on both unfamiliar and familiar topics normally encountered in personal, social, academic or vocational contexts
- the ability to write clear, well-structured texts using an appropriate style, highlighting relevant salient issues, expanding and supporting points of view with supporting arguments (where relevant) and demonstrating the controlled and accurate use of target language and grammar
- the ability to express themselves fluently, spontaneously and appropriately in a range of speaking contexts with little obvious searching for expressions or use of avoidance strategies
- the skills necessary for further study or employment, either in native-speaking countries or where the language is used as the main medium of communication for business and commerce
- an understanding of the nature of language in different cultural contexts in order to build up competence in written communication.

Students will

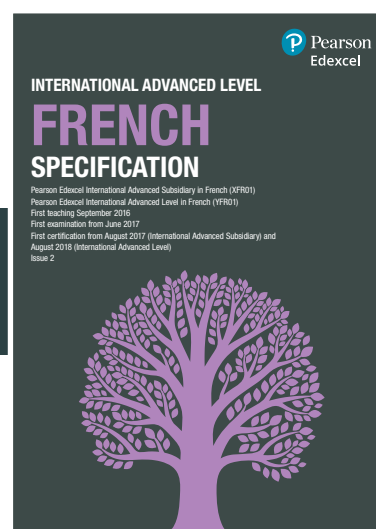
- develop cognitive skills in problem solving and critical thinking
- broaden their communicative skills
- learn to work independently, become more adaptable in different communication styles and be able to use and produce information in different ways.

IAL French: Unit Content Overview

IAS					
Unit number & name	Unit code:	% of the total IAS	% of the total IAL	Examination duration	Marks available
Unit 1 Spoken expression and response	WFR01/01	30%	15%	8-10 minutes	40 marks
	Content overview - Response and discussion in relation to GTAs: Youth Matters; Lifestyle, health and fitness; Environment and travel; Education and employment.				
Unit 2 Spoken expression and response	WFR02/01	70%	35%	2 hours 30 minutes	90 marks
	Content overview - Comprehension and essay writing in relation to GTAs: Youth Matters; Lifestyle, health and fitness; Environment and travel; Education and employment.				

IA2					
Unit number & name	Unit code:	% of the total IAS	% of the total IAL	Examination duration	Marks available
Unit 3 Understanding and spoken response	WFR03/01	30%	15%	11-13 minutes	40 marks
	Content overview - Advanced level understanding as well as speaking skills where students present and take a clear stance on any issue of their choice: Debate; Discussion.				
Unit 4 Research, Understanding and Written Response	WFR04/01	70%	35%	2 hours 30 minutes	90 marks
	<p>Content overview - Convey comprehension of target language texts and recordings in relation to GTAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth matters; Lifestyle, health and fitness; Environment and travel; Education and employment; Technology in the French-speaking world; Society in the French-speaking world; Ethics in the French-speaking world. Plus an essay based on one research topic from: History, Geography, texts or films. 				

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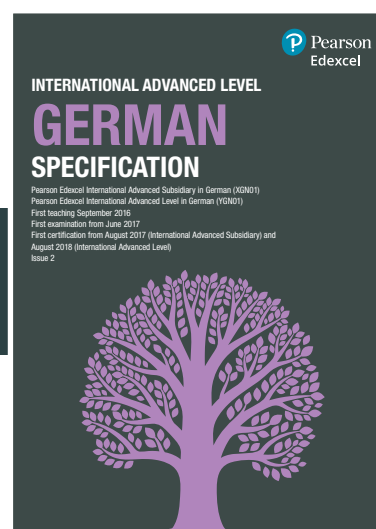


IAL German: Unit Content Overview

IAS					
Unit number & name	Unit code:	% of the total IAS	% of the total IAL	Examination duration	Marks available
Unit 1 Spoken expression and response	WGN01/01	30%	15%	8-10 minutes	40 marks
	Content overview - Response and discussion in relation to GTAs: Youth Matters; Lifestyle, health and fitness; Environment and travel; Education and employment.				
Unit 2 Understanding and written response	WGN01/02	70%	35%	2 hours 30 minutes	90 marks
	Content overview - Comprehension and essay writing in relation to GTAs: Youth Matters; Lifestyle, health and fitness; Environment and travel; Education and employment.				

IA2					
Unit number & name	Unit code:	% of the total IAS	% of the total IAL	Examination duration	Marks available
Unit 3 Understanding and spoken response	WGN03/01	30%	15%	11-13 minutes	40 marks
	Content overview - Advanced level understanding as well as speaking skills where students present and take a clear stance on any issue of their choice: Debate; Discussion.				
Unit 4 Research, Understanding and Written Response	WGN04/01	70%	35%	2 hours 30 minutes	90 marks
	<p>Content overview - Convey comprehension of target language texts and recordings in relation to GTAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth matters; Lifestyle, health and fitness; Environment and travel; Education and employment; Technology in the German-speaking world; Society in the German-speaking world; Ethics in the German-speaking world. Plus an essay based on one research topic from: History, Geography, texts or films. 				

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IAS					
Unit number & name	Unit code:	% of the total IAS	% of the total IAL	Examination duration	Marks available
Unit 1 Spoken expression and response	WSP01/01	30%	15%	8-10 minutes	40 marks
	Content overview - Response and discussion in relation to GTAs: Youth Matters; Lifestyle, health and fitness; Environment and travel; Education and employment.				
Unit 2 Understanding and written response	WSP02/01	70%	35%	2 hours 30 minutes	90 marks
	Content overview - Comprehension and essay writing in relation to GTAs: Youth Matters; Lifestyle, health and fitness; Environment and travel; Education and employment.				

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Unit 3 Understanding and spoken response	WSP03/01	30%	15%	11-13 minutes	40 marks
	Content overview - Advanced level understanding as well as speaking skills where students present and take a clear stance on any issue of their choice: Debate; Discussion.				
Unit 4 Research, Understanding and Written Response	WSP04/01	70%	35%	2 hours 30 minutes	90 marks
	<p>Content overview - Convey comprehension of target language texts and recordings in relation to GTAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth matters; Lifestyle, health and fitness; Environment and travel; Education and employment; Technology in the Spanish-speaking world; Society in the Spanish-speaking world; Ethics in the Spanish-speaking world. Plus an essay based on one research topic from: History, Geography, texts or films. 				

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