

# MIP|W

## Birmingham

### AS and A2 Level Course Outlines

#### French

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This course is suitable for all examination boards.

Do you know your conditional perfect from your direct object pronouns? If not the Easter Revision French course is designed to unjumble the grammatical jargon. It is important to remember that many candidates drop many marks through careless or confused knowledge of grammar. Accuracy is crucial for success at Advanced Level and with this in mind emphasis will be placed on mastering verbs and tenses, endings and agreements and the structures of the language.

Our French revision course is skill-specific as opposed to board or topic specific. Each morning and afternoon session incorporates practice of the following examination skills drawing upon AS level material or utilising A2 level material:

- Speaking: oral exams; presentation; general conversation.
- Listening comprehension
- Reading comprehension
- Writing: short and long responses; essay writing and task-based responses.

In each session emphasis is placed on areas of grammar that commonly cause students problems. Students are set exercises to prepare, paragraphs to write and sentences to translate and are encouraged to memorise key vocabulary and use idiomatic structures in the target language.

Addressing the language component (75-85%) of A level French specifications, the course does not give specific coverage to set texts and set topics.

Where students specifically want help on French literature texts, this can usually be accommodated by means of individual tuition. Please contact the Course Director to discuss your precise requirements and giving the text's title, author and edition used.

As students will be aware, a five day course cannot do justice to the two skills of speaking and listening. Although these will be studied at some level throughout the week, success relies on regular practice and consistent revision of vocabulary. Further guidance can be given, however, on oral exam topics and presentations, as well as strategies to assist with listening skills.

Please provide as much detail as possible on your questionnaire to enable tutors to tailor the course to your needs.