

Welsh (2nd Language)

Exam Board: WJEC

AS Level Welsh will be of interest to students who wish to extend their current knowledge of the Welsh language. The aim of the course is to develop candidates' skill to express themselves in Welsh, in the written and spoken word. Candidates are urged to read extensively as well as study the set texts in detail. The AS course will be of interest both to those who wish to continue to A2 and to those who simply wish to extend the breadth of the AS studies.

Minimum Entry Requirements

- A minimum of 6 A* to C grades at GCSE with grade **B** or above in Welsh. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs N Morgan (Head of Faculty).

AS course

Film and Oral Discussion (AS Level 40% / A Level 15%)

- This unit includes talking about the multi-media culture in Wales today e.g. Theatre, T.V. and Radio and Film.
- Candidates will also study one film in detail.

Coursework (AS Level 30% / A Level 20%)

- Prepare a project/pack. It must be about Wales or with a Welsh dimension and must include different styles of writing.

Use of Language and Poetry (AS Level 30% / A Level 15%)

- Candidates will be asked to use the language, correct mistakes and change the tenses of the verbs.
- Poetry appreciation – Candidates will study seven set poems.

A2 course

A Play and Oral Discussion (A Level 20%)

- This unit includes discussing the multi-media culture in Wales today, e.g. Theatre, TV and Radio, Film, Welsh Journalism, Magazines and Newspapers.
- Study a set play.

Short Stories and Concurrent use of Language (A Level 15%)

- Study 4 short stories and write appreciations;
- Concurrent use of language – Candidates will be asked to read a passage in English and respond to the passage in Welsh. It could be in the form of a letter, article or prepare an information pamphlet.

Use of Language and Poetry Appreciation (A Level 15%)

- Candidates will be asked to use language to show understanding of verbs and clauses, translate sentences into Welsh and combine pair of sentences to form complex sentences;
- Candidates will study 5 poems, in addition to those studied in AS, and will be asked to analyse and express a personal response to the content of the poems, theme, style and the poet's attitude to life.

Progression Routes

All universities accept Welsh as a second language as a subject even if you chose to study in England. You may choose to stay in Wales and could follow a Welsh degree or a joint honours with Welsh as part of your degree.

Career Opportunities

Possible careers include teaching, translating, jobs in local government, tourism, public services etc. The list is endless! The UCAS web site says 'Having the ability to use Welsh in the workplace can give you an edge over your competitors.'