

IB Language ab initio (French or German)



Introduction:

Language ab initio is a beginners language course designed for students with no previous experience of the target language. Language ab initio takes learners from absolute beginner to approximately GCSE-level within two years; it can only be taken as a Standard Level IB course which means it only counts as half an A-level equivalent.

In the language B course, students further develop their ability to communicate in the target language through the study of language, themes and texts. In doing so, they also develop conceptual understandings of how language works and deepened cultural understanding, as appropriate to the level of the course.

Students develop a range of receptive, productive and interactive skills through conversation, discussions and a wide range of activities.

Course structure:

The course is structured through the study of five themes

- Theme 1: Identities
- Theme 2: Experiences
- Theme 3: Human ingenuity
- Theme 4: Social organisation
- Theme 5: Sharing the planet

Students will study all five themes in Year 12. Each theme contains 2-3 sub-topics. The main themes will be re-visited in Year 13 through the study of different sub-topics.

Entry requirements:

There are no specific requirements, but students should have a keen interest in learning about a new language and culture.

Careers:

A good grade in IB Language B can help to unlock a wide range of careers within:

- Journalism
- Education
- Business
- Hospitality
- Human Resources
- Travel Industry
- Customs
- Public Research

Assessment:

All assessments are taking place in Year 13

Internal assessment (25%):

Individual oral assessment

External assessment (75%):

Paper 1 – Writing – 25%

Paper 2 – Reading and Listening – 50%
(25% each)