

Seachdain nan Teaghlach

Gaelic levels for SMO Short Courses

Please indicate in the booking form which course level you wish to attend according to the descriptions below, and give an indication of any previous learning pathways you will have been following in addition to relevant levels you expect to have achieved prior to the course start date. This will help place students in the appropriate class and help tailor classes to suit students' level.

Note that these are only guidelines and course content may change slightly before or during the week.

Complete Beginners

This course is ideal for complete beginners of Gaelic. In this level you will be introduced to standard numbers in different formatted structures, addressing people, finding out where they are from, to tell and ask about things that people are doing, such as living, working or other activities, and expressing possession. As part of the course, participants will gain an understanding of simple grammar, opportunities to practice conversation skills and learn new language techniques.

Approximate Course & SCQF Level Equivalences:

Cùrsaichean Goirid Ìre 1, An Cùrsa Inntigidh Earrann 1 (Units 1-3); SCQF 3; SQA National 3.

Recent Beginners

This course is ideal for those who have recently started learning Gaelic, or who have previously done some Gaelic. In this level you will be introduced to new prepositions (such as anns & às) and prepositional pronouns (such as aig & ann), empathic structures and comparative structures. As part of the course, participants will gain an understanding of grammar, opportunities to practice conversation skills, learn new language techniques and relevant vocabulary.

Approximate Course & SCQF Level Equivalences:

Cùrsaichean Goirid Ìre 2; An Cùrsa Inntigidh Earrann 1 (Units 4-6); SCQF 4; SQA National 4.

Lower Intermediate

This course is ideal for those who have an understanding of the Gaelic language at a lower intermediate level and who can hold a basic but detailed conversation using basic structures. In this level you will be introduced to the future tense of the verb 'to be', new structures including idiomatic, command, descriptive, and linking structures. Participants will also expand their knowledge of the different tenses, prepositional pronouns and will also be introduced to simple genitive structures, the past tense of the verb 'to be' and structures describing comparatives. As part of the course, participants will gain an understanding of grammar, have opportunities to practice conversation skills, learn new language techniques and relevant vocabulary.

Approximate Course & SCQF Level Equivalences:

Cùrsaichean Goirid Ìre 3-4; An Cùrsa Inntigidh Earrann 2 (Units 7-9); SCQF 4-5; SQA National 5.

Upper Intermediate

This course is ideal for those who have an understanding of the Gaelic language at an upper intermediate level and who can hold a more detailed conversation using more detailed structures. In this level you will be introduced to/recap place name structures extending to verbs, genitive structures with place names, structures with pronouns as objects, and describing different positioning of objects. Past tense structures of regular verbs and irregular verbs in all important forms, possession structures, more detailed numbering structures and the genitive case with plural nouns will also be covered. As part of the course, participants will gain an understanding of grammar, have opportunities to practice conversation skills, learn new language techniques and relevant vocabulary.

Approximate Course & SCQF Level Equivalences:

Cùrsaichean Goirid Ìre 5-6; An Cùrsa Inntigidh Earrann 3 (Units 10-12); SCQF 5-6; SQA National 5 – Higher (Learners).

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Advanced Level

This course is ideal for advanced learners who have a good understanding of the Gaelic Language and are able to communicate well demonstrating good speaking and writing skills.

The aims of this level are to:

- introduce & develop knowledge to the future tense of regular verbs and their relative forms;
- introduce students to inverted infinitive structures involving direct objects;
- introduce students to the use of the preposition 'ann' with possessive adjectives to form 'nam/nad' structures in non-abstract contexts;
- develop the student's ability to use personal pronouns in the context of inverted infinitive structures;
- develop the student's ability to use the 'nam/nad' structure in an abstract context
- develop the student's familiarity with new vocabulary to illustrate structures and reinforce structures already introduced.

As part of the course, participants will gain an understanding of grammar, have opportunities to practice conversation skills, learn new language techniques and relevant vocabulary.

Approximate Course & SCQF Level Equivalences:

Cùrsaichean Goirid Ìre 7-8; An Cùrsa Adhartais (Module 1 & 2); Year 1 SMO Degree Courses; SCQF 7; SQA Higher (Native Speakers); SQA Advanced Higher (Learners).