

National 5 English (Course Code: C824 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study English?

Language and literacy are of personal, social and economic importance. Your ability to use language lies at the centre of the development and expression of your emotions, thinking, learning and sense of personal identity.

This course gives you the opportunity to develop skills in listening, talking, reading and writing, which are essential for learning, life and work. You will develop your ability to communicate your thoughts and feelings and respond to those of other people.

The skills that you develop in English are useful in a wide range of careers; these include teaching, editorial, journalism, administration, legal work or in the arts.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

[Arts, Social Sciences and Languages](#)

[Communications and Media](#)

[Information, Culture and Heritage](#)

[Law](#)

[Teaching and Classroom Support](#)

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college but you would normally have achieved:

- National 4 English

What will I study?

This course helps you understand the complexities of language through studying a wide range of texts, including studying the use vocabulary, word patterns, text structures and style. You will develop high levels of analytical thinking and understanding of the impact of language.

On this course you will develop:

- key communication and literacy skills in reading, writing, talking and listening
- understanding, analysis and evaluation of detailed texts in the contexts of literature, language and media,

including Scottish literature

- the production of detailed texts in a range of contexts
- knowledge and understanding of language.

How will I be assessed?

Course Assessment

The course assessment has **three** components **totalling 100 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper: Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation – worth 30 marks
- Component 2: question paper: Critical Reading – worth 40 marks worth 40 marks (consisting of 2 sections each worth 20 marks, section 1 - Scottish texts, and section 2 – Critical essay)
- Component 3: Portfolio Writing – worth 30 marks

For Component 3, you will be asked to produce one piece of writing, either creative or discursive.

During the course you will also be assessed on performance-spoken language, which involves doing at least one spoken language activity, such as contributing in a group discussion or preparing and presenting a presentation. This is graded on an achieved/not achieved basis.

Both the assignment component and question papers will be set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across all course assessment components.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- [SQA Past Papers English National 5](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper English National 5 \(Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation\)](#)
- [SQA Specimen English National 5 \(Critical Reading\)](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards English](#)
- [BBC Bitesize National 5 English](#)
- [Ushare Study Resources](#)

What can I go on to next?

If you complete the course successfully, it may lead to:

- **Higher English**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Communications and Media

- English
- Information, Culture and Heritage
- Journalism
- Law
- Teaching and Classroom Support