Advanced Higher Modern Studies (Course Code: C849 77)

SCQF Level 7 (32 Credit Points)

Why study Modern Studies?

Learning Modern Studies gives you a greater understanding of the contemporary world and your place in it.

You will learn contemporary political and social issues in local, Scottish, United Kingdom and international contexts, and, in these contexts, develop an awareness of the social and political issues you will meet in your life. You will also develop investigating, evaluating and analysing skills in order to understand and explain political, social and international issues.

The skills you learn in Modern Studies are valuable in many career areas, including public administration, business management, law, teaching and journalism.

Career Pathways

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

Administration and Management

Arts, Social Sciences and Languages

Communications and Media

Information, Culture and Heritage

Law

Social, Caring and Advisory Services

Uniformed and Security Services

What do I need to get in?

This is at the discretion of the school/college but you would normally be expected to have attained one of the following:

- **Higher Modern Studies**

What will I study?

The course comprises **three** areas of study.

Political issues and research methods

You will study the following areas:

- power and influence
- political ideology
- political structures
- social science research methods and issues.

Law and order and research methods

You will study the following areas:

- understanding the criminal justice system
- understanding criminal behaviour
- responses by society to crime
- social science research methods and issues.

Social inequality and research methods

You will study the following areas:

- understanding social inequality
- the impact of social inequality
- responses to social inequality
- social science research methods and issues.

How will I be assessed?

Course Assessment

The course assessment consists of **two** components **totalling 140 marks**:

- Component 1 — Question paper (90 marks)
- Component 2 — Project: dissertation (50 marks).

For Component 2 you will choose any modern studies topic or issue that refers to a complex, contemporary political or social issue.

Both the question papers and the project are set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

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

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- SQA Past Papers Modern Studies Advanced Higher
- SQA Specimen Modern Studies Advanced Higher Question Paper
- Ushare Study Resources

What can I go on to next?

Further study, training or employment in:

- Administration and Management
- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Communications and Media
- Information, Culture and Heritage
- Law
- Social, Caring and Advisory Services
- Teaching and Classroom Support
- Uniformed and Security Services