

Higher Photography (Course Code: C855 76)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Photography?

Photography is an important form of visual communication. Imagine a world without it and you'll realise just how widely photographic, and particularly digital, images are used in a range of sectors and industries, from advertising and printing to broadcasting and film making.

Photographs are widely used in our everyday lives to capture important events, people, places and situations. We also use them to help us to understand the world around us and to express our ideas, thoughts and feelings in an artistic way.

Career Pathways

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

[Art and Design](#)

[Communications and Media](#)

[Uniformed and Security Services](#)

What do I need to get in?

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

- **National 5 Art and Design**

What will I study?

This course combines practical learning activities that are underpinned by knowledge and understanding of photography. You will:

- learn how to plan and carry out practical photographic work
- investigate selected photographers' work and practice and explain how external influences impact on these
- use this understanding of photographers and their work when developing your own personal approaches to photography
- learn and apply a range of image-making techniques
- develop your creative problem-solving skills as you resolve visual and technical problems
- reflect on and evaluate the effectiveness of your practice and the qualities of your photographic work.

How will I be assessed?

The course assessment has **two** components **totalling 130 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper – worth 30 marks (consisting of two sections: section 1 - Multiple choice, worth 10 marks, and section 2 - Analysis, worth 20 marks)
- Component 2: project – worth 100 marks (consisting of three sections: section 1 - Planning, research and investigation, worth 20 marks, section 2 - Development and production, worth 70 marks and section 3 - Evaluation, worth 10 marks).

For the project component, you will plan and carry out a selected photography project. You will be required to research and investigate your topic, developing a creative response through practical photographic work. From this you will be required to select and present a series of 12 images which communicate the topic, and evaluate the effectiveness of your work and practice.

Both the question paper and the project component 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 Specimen Paper Photography Higher](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Photography](#)

What can I go on to next?

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

- other qualifications in Photography, Art and Design or related areas.

Further study, training or employment in:

- Art and Design
- Communications and Media
- Photography