

National 5 Urdu (Course Code: C870 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Urdu?

Learning a new language lets you connect with different people and their cultures. You think, talk about and create ideas through language.

Almost 100 million people around the world speak Urdu, which is the main language of Pakistan. And, it is widely spoken in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and the Middle East. Some 400 thousand people in the UK speak Urdu. Urdu uses the Arabic alphabet, the second most used alphabet in the world. So, you will find learning Urdu really helpful if you want to learn languages like Hindi, Arabic, Persian, Kurdish or Punjabi.

The skills you develop in Urdu are useful in many different career areas such as languages, teaching and classroom support, travel or media.

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](#)

[Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism](#)

[Information, Culture and Heritage](#)

[Transport and Distribution](#)

[Uniformed and Security Services](#)

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college. You would normally have achieved:

- **National 4 Urdu**

What will I study?

This course offers you the opportunity to develop your skills in reading, listening, talking and writing in Urdu, which are essential for learning, work and life. You will also learn to understand how language works and how to communicate information and ideas.

You will study a wide range of various types of texts in a variety of media. You will also learn to think critically, creatively and develop cultural awareness.

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

Reading and Writing; Listening

You will develop:

- reading, writing and listening skills in Urdu
- your knowledge of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Assignment – Writing

You will develop:

- writing and grammatical skills in Urdu
- your knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

Performance – Talking

You will develop:

- talking and writing skills in Urdu
- your knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.

How will I be assessed?

Please note - for the 2022-23 session there is no assignment, only the 4 components.

The course assessment has **five** components totalling **120 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper 1: Reading – worth 30 marks
- Component 2: question paper 1: Writing – worth 20 marks (scaled up to 30 for 2022-23 session)
- Component 3: question paper 2: Listening – worth 20 marks (scaled up to 30 for 2022-23 session)
- Component 4: assignment - writing – worth 20 marks
- Component 5: performance - talking – worth 30 marks.

For the performance component, you will be asked to deliver a spoken presentation and take part in a conversation in Urdu in one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability or culture. Your performance will be set by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and marked internally by an SQA assessor.

The question papers will be set and marked externally by the 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 Urdu National 5](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper Urdu National 5 \(Reading\)](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper Urdu National 5 \(Writing\)](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper Urdu National 5 \(Listening\)](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Urdu](#)

What can I go on to next?

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

- **Higher Urdu**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Administration and Management
- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Buying, Selling and Related Work
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Languages
- Teaching and Classroom Support