

Higher Urdu (Course Code: C870 76)

SCQF Level 6 (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, but you would normally be expected to have:

- **National 5 Urdu**

What will I study?

This course aims to help you develop your reading, listening, talking and writing skills in Urdu, in a variety of contexts. You will encounter a wide range of different types of texts in different media. In addition, the course also provides you with knowledge of Urdu and the customs and way of life of the Urdu people.

In particular you will learn to develop:

- reading, listening, talking and writing skills in Urdu

- application of knowledge and understanding of Urdu
- the skill of translation
- literacy skills.

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 (directed writing)
- Component 3: question paper 2 (listening) – worth 20 marks
- Component 4: assignment (writing) – worth 20 marks
- Component 5: performance (talking) – worth 30 marks.

For the assignment component, you will be required to produce a piece of writing (200-250 words) in Urdu based on one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, culture.

For the performance component, you will take part in a discussion with your teacher or lecturer, using detailed and complex language on at least two different contexts, and respond to questions in Urdu relating to each of the contexts.

The performance component is set and verified externally by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), and assessed and marked by your school or college.

Both the question papers and the assignment are set and externally marked by 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 Urdu Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Reading\) Urdu Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Directed Writing\) Urdu Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Listening\) Urdu Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper \(Listening - Recording\) Urdu Higher](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Urdu](#)

What can I go on to next?

Further study, training or employment in:

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism
- Information, Culture and Heritage
- Languages
- Teaching and Classroom Support
- Transport and Distribution