

## 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?

The course consists of **two** areas of study.

#### Understanding Urdu

You will:

- develop and extend reading and listening skills in Urdu

- develop your knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex Urdu in the contexts of society, learning, employability, and culture.

### Using Urdu

You will:

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

### How will I be assessed?

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) – worth 20 marks
- 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 Understanding Standards Urdu](#)

### What can I go on to next?

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