

National 5 Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (Course Code: C864 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies?

This course gives you the opportunity to investigate the nature and scope of religion and morality and to consider philosophical viewpoints on religious and other stances for living in the modern world. It helps you to reflect on your own life experiences and develop your personal beliefs and values. In addition you will gain knowledge and understanding of the different beliefs and values of others and the ability to express your opinions and give informed comment.

The skills you learn in this course are valuable in a wide range of careers, and provide a valuable contribution to your personal, social and intellectual development.

Career Pathways

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

[Information, Culture and Heritage](#)

[Law](#)

[Social, Caring and Advisory Services](#)

What do I need to get in?

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

- **National 4 Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies**

What will I study?

Studying Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies develops your imagination and your thinking skills. You will learn about at least two of the world's major religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism). You will examine some contemporary moral issues and religious and philosophical questions. Throughout, you will learn to express viewpoints and talk about your own faith or values.

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

World Religion

You will:

- develop your ability to explain and comment on the meaning of sources relating to the religion you are studying

- develop factual and abstract knowledge and understanding of the impact and significance of religion today through studying some key beliefs, practices and sources found within one of the world's six major religions.

Morality and Belief

You will:

- develop skills to explain and express reasoned views about contemporary moral questions and responses
- develop detailed factual and theoretical knowledge and understanding of contemporary moral questions and religious and non-religious responses.

Religious and Philosophical Question

You will:

develop skills to analyse religious and philosophical questions and responses.

How will I be assessed?

Course Assessment

The course assessment has **two** components **totalling 100 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper – worth 80 marks
- Component 2: assignment – worth 20 marks.

For the assignment component, you will be asked to choose and research an issue or topic drawn from a religious, moral or philosophical context, and produce evidence on your findings. The assignment component will be set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The question paper will be set and externally marked by 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 Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies National 5](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies National 5](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies](#)
- [BBC Bitesize National 5 Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies](#)

What can I go on to next?

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

- **Higher Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Law
- Religion
- Social, Caring and Advisory Services
- Teaching and Classroom Support