

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:

[Arts, Social Sciences and Languages](#)

[Information, Culture and Heritage](#)

[Law](#)

[Social, Caring and Advisory Services](#)

[Teaching and Classroom Support](#)

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. Throughout this course you will focus on one of the world's six major religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism).

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

World Religion

You will study religion and its impact, relevance and significance through studying some key beliefs and practices

found in one major world religion, and the contribution these make to the lives of followers.

Morality and Belief

You will study moral issues and their background, implications and responses through studying one major moral issue and responses to it.

Religious and Philosophical Questions

You will study the issues raised by religious and philosophical questions, their implications and responses by studying one question and responses to it.

How will I be assessed?

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](#)
- [UShare Study Resources](#)

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
- Information, Culture and Heritage

- Law
- Social, Caring and Advisory Services
- Teaching and Classroom Support