Advanced Higher Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (Course Code: C864 77)

SCQF Level 7 (32 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?

This is at the discretion of the school/college but you would normally be expected to have attained one of the following:

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

What will I study?

There are **three** areas of study to choose from. **One mandatory** and **one optional**.

Philosophy of Religion (mandatory)

You will:

- develop skills to critically evaluate a range of complex issues arising from the philosophy of religion

- develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of key arguments and responses to them.

Medical Ethics (optional)

You will:

- develop skills to critically evaluate a range of complex issues involving medical ethics
- develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of the issues and religious and other responses, including the philosophical reasoning behind these responses.

Religious Experience (optional)

You will:

- develop skills to critically evaluate a range of complex issues concerning religious experience and religious and other responses
- develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of different perspectives on religious experience.

How will I be assessed?

Course assessment

The course assessment consists of **two** components **totalling 140 marks**:

- Component 1 - Question paper (90 marks)
- Component 2 - Project: Dissertation (50 marks).

For the project you will carry out independent research and produce a 3,000 - 4,000 word dissertation on a religious, moral or philosophical question or issue.

Both the question paper and the project are set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (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 Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies Advanced Higher
- SQA Specimen Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies Advanced Higher Question Paper
- SQA Understanding Standards Religious, Moral and Philosophical Education
- UShare Study Resources

What can I go on to next?

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