

## Higher Modern Studies

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The Higher Modern Studies Course requires students to take an interest in the events taking place in Scotland, the UK and the world. As part of the course we examine different voting systems as well as ways citizens can involve themselves in decision making and this will help them develop a sense of responsible citizenship.

### Units

Scotland and the UK	Social Inequality	USA
The unit will focus on four main areas – the UK's Political system and Scotland's part in it; the role of political representatives; voting systems; and Brexit.	In this unit you will study health and wealth inequalities in the UK. The unit will focus on the evidence and causes of social inequality; the impact of social inequality; government responses to tackle these inequalities; and finally gender inequality	This unit will focus on all aspects of the USA's role as a world power. You will study the role of the USA in world affairs; the US political system; social and economic inequalities within the USA; and how US citizens can participate in making decisions

The examination for Higher Modern Studies has 2 papers. Paper 1 is made up of essays and Paper 2 is made up of source questions.

In Higher, the Added Value unit is known as the Assignment. This is a written report on a Modern Studies topic and is written under exam conditions with the aid of research materials that have been gathered independently. This is marked by the SQA and it is worth 27% of the final mark.

All class materials are posted on Google Classroom and at least one Modern Studies teacher is always available at after school study.

### Progression

Modern Studies can provide the basis for a university degree in Politics/International Relations. However more often the study of Modern Studies develops valuable skills which can help keep career opportunities open. Students of Modern Studies can be found working in a wide range of careers such as:

- Law
- Journalism
- The police service
- Communication and the media

### Entry Requirements

Higher Modern Studies is a natural progression from National 5 Modern Studies. This course is open to students who have not studied Modern Studies before – and those wishing to do so should speak to Mr Cronin. If a student wishes to 'crash' Higher Modern Studies we would expect them to have/be studying English at National 5 level. Prospective students need to be aware that there is a lot of reading and writing. Students need good literacy skills and need to be interested in the modern world - in the ways people are elected and how decisions are made.

See Mr P Cronin (Room 7) for more information.