

# Higher Modern Studies

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## Course Rationale

The Higher Modern Studies course enables learners to develop knowledge and understanding of contemporary political and social issues in local, Scottish, United Kingdom and International contexts. Learners develop skills to interpret and participate in the social and political process they will encounter in their lives.

## Course Content

### 3 Units

- Political Issues: Democracy in Scotland and the UK
- Social Issues in the UK: Social Inequality
- International Issues: World Powers: USA

## Skills

- Use a range of information to develop arguments to support and oppose views
- Reach a decision based on evidence
- Research and analytical skills
- Team working and organizational skills
- Communication skills and extended writing skills

## Course Assessment

### Question Paper 1

This is worth 52 marks. This question paper lasts 1 hour 45 minutes.

This question paper has three sections. There are options in each section to allow opportunities for personalisation and choice.

### Question Paper 2

This is worth 28 marks. This question paper lasts 1 hour 15 minutes.

The skills of analysing, evaluating and synthesising evidence are assessed in this question paper.

### Assignment

This is worth 30 marks. This question paper lasts 1 hour 30 minutes and is completed in March.

Learners choose any modern studies topic or issue that refers to a contemporary political, social or international issue.

## Progression

Successful candidates at Higher level can progress to Advanced Higher in S6. Progression into a Higher in another Humanities subject is also encouraged.

## Career Pathways

Law	Journalism	Teaching	Forensics	Medicine
Police	Armed Forces	Civil Service	Financial Sector	
Politics	Healthcare and Social Services			