

MODERN STUDIES

Modern Studies is available at National 3, 4, 5 Higher and Advanced Higher levels. Students in S4 are most likely to sit either National 4 or 5 Modern Studies, progressing to N5 or Higher in S5/6.

NATIONAL 3/4 MODERN STUDIES	
REQUIREMENTS	Coverage of relevant Experiences and Outcomes in the Broad General Phase (S1 – S3) will provide an appropriate basis for undertaking this course.
COURSE CONTENT	<p>Topics explored may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Democracy in Scotland:</u> • <u>Inequality and Crime in the UK:</u> • <u>World Power Study:(USA)</u>
ASSESSMENT	National 3/4 Modern Studies will be assessed through Unit Assessments and an Added Value Unit. Unit assessments will require candidates to produce evidence of their Evaluation and Analytical Skills and will be internally assessed on a pass or fail basis. The Added Value Unit requires candidates to apply knowledge and understanding and use sources of information to address a chosen theme or event. The Added Value Unit will be internally assessed.
PROGRESSION / NEXT STEPS	<p>Modern Studies may be continued to National 4/5, Higher and Advanced Higher level.</p> <p>Many employers recognise Modern Studies for a wide variety of careers including: teaching, law, civil service, the Home Office, police, social work, journalism, local Government, media, international relations, UN and EU careers, public relations.</p> <p>Pupils may wish to discuss relevant work experience/placements with Faculty staff and their Guidance Teacher.</p>

NATIONAL 5 MODERN STUDIES	
REQUIREMENTS	A National 4 Modern Studies course award, or coverage of relevant Experiences and Outcomes in the Broad General Phase (S1 – S3) will provide an appropriate basis for undertaking this course.
COURSE CONTENT	<p>Topics explored may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Democracy in Scotland:</u> • <u>Inequality and Crime in the UK:</u> • <u>World Power Study: USA</u>
ASSESSMENT	<p>To gain the course award in National 5 Modern Studies, candidates must pass the Course Assessment.</p> <p>The Course assessment will consist of two components: a Question Paper and an Assignment, and will provide the basis for grading attainment. The Assignment requires candidates to apply knowledge and understanding and use sources of information to address a chosen theme or event. The Question Paper (worth 80% of the overall Course Award) will assess the breadth of candidates' Knowledge and Understanding across all three units as well as their Skills. The Assignment and the Question Paper will be externally assessed.</p>
PROGRESSION / NEXT STEPS	<p>Modern Studies may be continued to Higher and Advanced Higher level. Many employers recognise Modern Studies for a wide variety of careers including: teaching, law, civil service, the Home Office, police, social work, journalism, local Government, media, international relations, UN and EU careers, public relations. Pupils may wish to discuss relevant work experience/placements with Faculty staff and their Guidance Teacher.</p>

HIGHER MODERN STUDIES	
REQUIREMENTS	Grade A – C in National 5 Modern Studies, or Higher pass in another Social Subject and/or English.
COURSE CONTENT	<p><u>Democracy in Scotland and the United Kingdom</u> UK Government <u>Social Issues in the United Kingdom</u> Social Inequalities <u>International Issues</u> Poverty</p>
ASSESSMENT	<p>To gain the course award in Higher Modern Studies candidates must pass the Course Assessment.</p> <p>The Course assessment will consist of two components: a Question Paper and an Assignment, and will provide the basis for grading attainment. The Assignment requires candidates to research and apply knowledge and understanding and use sources of information to address a chosen theme. The Question Paper will assess the breadth of candidates' Knowledge and Understanding across all three units, as well as their Skills. The Assignment and the Question Paper will be externally assessed.</p>
PROGRESSION / NEXT STEPS	<p>Modern Studies may be continued to Advanced Higher level, and to degree level at University. Many employers recognise Modern Studies for a wide variety of careers including: teaching, law, civil service, the Home Office, police, social work, journalism, local Government, media, international relations, UN and EU careers, public relations. Pupils may wish to discuss relevant work experience/placements with Faculty staff and their Guidance Teacher.</p>

ADVANCED HIGHER MODERN STUDIES	
REQUIREMENTS	Grade A - C in Higher Modern Studies. Pupils who do not have Higher Modern Studies will need to discuss their entry to the course with PT of Humanities and PT Guidance.
COURSE CONTENT	<p><u>Law and Order</u></p> <p>A. Understanding the criminal justice system</p> <p>B. Understanding criminal behaviour</p> <p>C. Responses by society to crime</p> <p>D. Research Methods</p>
ASSESSMENT	Candidates are required to undertake a research Project and write a Dissertation on a key theme of the unit studied. This will be externally assessed and worth 50 marks (35%). The Question Paper consists of essay based questions as well as questions relating to Research Methods. This section of the Question Paper will consist of both short and extended response questions. Candidates will also be required to pass Unit Assessments to obtain the overall course award.
PROGRESSION / NEXT STEPS	<p>Modern Studies may be continued to degree level at University.</p> <p>Many employers recognise Modern Studies for a wide variety of careers including: teaching, law, civil service, the Home Office, police, social work, journalism, local Government, media, international relations, UN and EU careers, public relations.</p>