



Modern Studies



The course uses a multidisciplinary approach to develop candidates’ knowledge and understanding of contemporary political and social issues in local, Scottish, United Kingdom (UK) and international contexts. Candidates develop the skills to interpret and participate in the social and political processes they encounter in their lives. Candidates develop a range of research, analytical and evaluating skills, and an understanding of:

- ◆ The democratic process and complex political issues
- ◆ Complex social and economic issues at local, Scottish, national and international levels, and ways of addressing needs and inequalities
- ◆ Different views about the extent of state involvement in society
- ◆ The nature and processes of conflict resolution
- ◆ The importance of human and legal rights and responsibilities, and their application in different societies.

Topics Covered

- ☐ Democracy in Scotland and the United Kingdom
- ☐ Social issues in the United Kingdom – Social Inequality
- ☐ International issues – Underdevelopment in Africa



Skills Gained

- ☐ Literacy
- ☐ Reading
- ☐ Writing
- ☐ Numeracy
- ☐ Employability, enterprise and citizenship
- ☐ Analysing and evaluating
- ☐ Applying

Assessment Breakdown

Question Paper 1

This question paper has a total mark allocation of 52 marks. This is 47% of the overall marks for the course assessment. Candidates answer three questions: two questions worth 20 marks and one question worth 12 marks.

Question paper 2

This question paper has a total mark allocation of 28 marks. This is 26% of the overall marks for the course assessment. This paper focuses on testing source skills.

Assignment/Folio

The assignment has a total mark allocation of 30 marks. This is 27% of the overall marks for the course assessment.

Progression & Possible Career Paths

Progression:

- ☐ Higher History
- ☐ Advanced Higher Modern Studies

Possible Career Paths:

- ☐ Lawyer or Legal Advisor
- ☐ Journalist or Reporter
- ☐ Politician or Civil Servant
- ☐ Social Worker
- ☐ Teacher

Entry Requirements and advice

N5 Modern Studies
Higher History
Previous experience in a social subject is favourable

