

# CAREERS INFORMATION

## Career Areas

- [Arts, Social Sciences & Religion](#)
- [Libraries, Museums & Archaeology](#)
- [Law](#)
- [Social, Caring & Advisory Services](#)



Advice Centre Worker  
Archivist  
Broadcast Journalist  
Careers Adviser  
Diplomatic Service Executive Assistant  
Diplomatic Service Operational Officer  
Economic Development Officer  
Election Agent  
European Union Administrator  
Genealogist  
Journalist or Reporter  
Lecturer - Further/Higher Education  
Library or Information Assistant/Professional  
Local Councillor  
Local Government Administrator  
Member of Parliament  
Police Officer  
Political Researcher  
Broadcast Producer, Assistant, Researcher  
Social Worker  
Sub-editor — Journalism  
Teacher - Secondary School - Modern Studies  
Trade Union Official  
Welfare Rights Adviser

Further advice and information on these options is available from your subject teacher, guidance teacher and careers adviser.

# OTHER INFORMATION

**Field Trips**—Visiting the Scottish Parliament, Aberdeen Courts, Glasgow High Court

**SPEAKERS**—Members of Scottish Parliament (MSPs), Police, Prison Officers, Lawyers, Charity and Aid workers, Red Cross, Montgomery Centre

**Activities and Case Studies**—Mock Trial, Mock Election, Global Citizenship, Children's Panel / Court Cases



## Faculty of Humanities & Citizenship

# Modern Studies National 4



TURRIFF ACADEMY

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# COURSE INFORMATION

## Why Modern Studies?

Modern Studies examines the society we live in. You will learn about democracy, social issues, international issues and how people view the government. You will develop important skills such as decision making, investigation, critical thinking and forming your own opinions.

## Course Outline.

Modern Studies helps to develop your knowledge and understanding of social, political and economic issues. You will learn about the political and social issues that affect us in Scotland, the UK and internationally. You will find out some of the ways societies deal with conflict, and learn about human rights and responsibilities.

The course has three compulsory units, plus an added value unit to assess your practical skills.

### Modern Studies: Politics in Scotland

In this unit you will:



- use sources of information to detect and explain examples of bias and exaggeration
- develop your knowledge and understanding of democracy in

Scotland, our place within UK politics and debates around this arrangement

- learn about the ways people are able to participate in and influence the political system
- learn about your rights and responsibilities in a democratic political society.

### Modern Studies: Crime and the Law

In this unit you will:



- learn how to use sources of information to make and justify decisions
- develop your knowledge and understanding of crime and the law
- you will examine the

causes of crime; how crime affects individuals and society; and the role of individuals, the police, the court system and punishments given by the courts

### Modern Studies: Aid and Development in Africa

In this unit you will:



- learn how to use sources of information to draw and support conclusions
- develop your knowledge and understanding of international issues - Aid in Africa

- The causes and consequences of underdevelopment in Africa, and attempts at resolving the issue

### **Added Value Unit: Modern Studies Assignment**

In this unit you will:

- choose an issue drawn from modern studies contexts, research it and present your findings.



# ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by your teacher on an ongoing basis throughout the course. Items of work might include:

- written work - research assignments, reports and case studies
- projects
- class-based exams which can be either written, oral, practical or group based activities

You must pass all the units including the practical unit to gain the course qualification.

# PROGRESSION

## What follows on from National 4 Modern Studies?

In Turriff Academy, there is a full range of courses:

