

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 - this will take place in August 2015 to Edinburgh/Glasgow,

SPEAKERS—MSPs, Police, Prison Officers, Lawyers, Charity/Aid workers, Red Cross, Fair Trade, Oxfam, Social Work, Montgomery Centre

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

Decision making tasks, research methods, carrying out practical research such as surveys, interviews and observations



Faculty of Humanities & Citizenship

Modern Studies National 5



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 skills such as communication, creative thinking, critical evaluation of the media and use of information technology.

Course Outline.

Modern Studies helps to develop your understanding of how modern society is organised. You will study different organisations and evaluate how effective they are in meeting their aims. You will learn how human and legal rights and responsibilities are represented in society. You will develop a range of research and information handling skills.

The course has three compulsory units including an added value unit that assesses your practical skills. The units are the same as those for National 4, but you will produce a higher standard of work.

Modern Studies: Politics in Scotland

In this unit you will:

- use sources of information to detect and explain examples of exaggeration and selectivity in the use of facts
- increase your knowledge and understanding of democracy in Scotland, our place within UK politics and debates around this arrangement



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

Modern Studies: Crime and the Law

In this unit you will:



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- 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

- learn how to use sources of information to make decisions and justify them in detail
- increase your knowledge and understanding of crime

Modern Studies: Aid and Development in Africa



In this unit you will:

- learn how to use sources of information to draw and give detailed support for conclusions
- further develop your knowledge and understanding of Aid in Africa
- causes and consequences of international issues, and attempts at resolution.
- differences between developed/developing nations and how/why developed nations give aid
- the role of international organisations in improving conditions in developing nations

Added Value Unit: Modern Studies Assignment—25% overall grade

In this unit you will:

- choose an issue to research using a range of skills
- write up the assignment using a structured template under exam conditions within 1 hour
- a variety of **research methods** will be chosen and used by the pupils to learn more about their chosen issue such as surveys, interviews, observations,

ASSESSMENT

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

- written work - research assignments, reports and case studies
- projects
- class-based exams and unit assessments
- You will also sit a **written exam** marked by the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) (**75% overall grade**)

You must pass the all the course units including the practical assessment plus the written exam to be awarded the course qualification. The exam will consist of a mixture of knowledge and skill based questions.

The course assessment is graded A-D. Your grade will depend on the total mark for all the units in your

PROGRESSION

What follows on from National 5 Modern Studies?

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

