

# 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—

**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

# Higher

# Modern Studies



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 the UK

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



• 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: Inequalities in the UK

In this unit you will:



- learn how to use sources of information to make decisions and justify them in detail
- increase 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: the United States of America

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 devel-

oped/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, reading, the media and the internet

# 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 course.

# PROGRESSION

## What follows on from National 5 Modern Studies?

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

