

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, National Museum of Scotland and Edinburgh Castle

SPEAKERS—MSPs, Police, Prison Officers, and Charity/Aid workers

Activities and Case Studies—Mock Trial, Mock Election, 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 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:

