



Humanities Faculty



Advanced Higher Modern Studies

What will I be learning?

The Advanced Higher Modern Studies course at Gleniffer High School is an introduction to criminology.

There are two key areas of study:

- **Understanding criminal behaviour.**
Topics include the perceptions of crime; biological, psychological, and sociological theories of criminal behaviour, and the social and economic impact of criminal behaviour.
- **Response to crime:**
Topics include criminal justice responses to crime; preventative responses to crime, and theories of punishment.

You will also study social science research methods and issues.

- These will include the analysis, evaluation and comparison of different research methods, and the critical evaluation of sources of information.

How will I be assessed?

Advanced Higher Modern Studies consists of an exam and 1 dissertation

Exam: In 3 hours, you will write 2 (30 mark) essays, 1 from each area of study. You will also answer 2 (15 mark) questions on social science research methods. (64% of grade)

Dissertation: You will undertake independent research into a complex, contemporary political or social issue of your choosing. You will write a 5000 (maximum) word dissertation on the issues. (36% of grade)

What does homework look like?

You will receive regular homework tasks throughout the course.

This may be to write a paragraph, an essay, or to answer a research methodology question. You will have at least a week to complete homework tasks.

Periodically, you will have timed essays or research methodology questions in class. You will be expected to prepare for these at home.

Homework will be given out in class and all resources will be uploaded onto Teams and/or Satchel One for you to access. These will also help you to prepare for prelims in January as well as the final exam in April/May.

See your teacher if you need help accessing Teams or need paper copies.