



Humanities Faculty



N4 & N5 MODERN STUDIES

What will I be learning?

The National Modern Studies course covers three topics:

Crime and Law. You will learn about the extent and causes of crime, the impact of crime on individuals and society, and the ways in which the police, the legal system, and the government tackle crime.

Democracy in Scotland. You will learn about ways in which society is able to participate in and influence the political system, and you will also learn about your rights and responsibilities in a democratic society.

United States of America. You will learn about the political system of the USA, its international influence, and socio-economic issues.

You will also complete three different types of source questions: conclusions, options, and support and oppose.

How will I be assessed?

National 5 Modern Studies consists of an exam and 1 piece of coursework.

Exam: In 2 hour 20 minutes, you will complete 80 marks worth of questions: 30 marks for skills and 50 marks for knowledge and understanding.

National 5 Assignment: You will work independently to research and write a 20-mark assignment on a topic of your choosing using various sources. You're expected to do the majority of the research at home. You will then be required to write your assignment under exam conditions during class time in 1 hour. This is worth 20% of your overall grade.

National 4 Modern Studies consists of three unit assessments and 1 piece of coursework (Additional Value Unit).

What does homework look like?

You will receive one piece of homework per week. This may be to complete a past paper question or to answer a source question. You will have at least a week to complete homework tasks.

Homework will be given out in class and all class resources will be uploaded onto Teams 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.