

Àrd-Ìre Nuadh-Eòlas

Higher Modern Studies



Why choose the subject?

The Modern Studies course allows students to study the modern world. We look at political, social and economic issues that affect life in Scotland, the United Kingdom and across the world. In addition to giving pupils knowledge and understanding of important contemporary issues the following skills will be developed through the course:

- Handling and analysing complex data**
- Constructing valid lines of argument**
- Evaluating evidence and presenting conclusions**
- Evaluating evidence and making judgements**
- Participation in debates/discussion**
- Open mindedness**

The Structure of the Course

There are three main units within the course:

- Democracy in Scotland & the United Kingdom**
- Social Issues in the UK: Social Inequality**
- International Issues: The United States of America as a world power**

All pupils undertaking the course will have to complete an assessment on each of the units. Then they will have to complete an assignment (a report on a specific topic they have chosen themselves) and a final exam.

Higher Education & careers

The knowledge and skills you will develop in Modern Studies will be useful in many different careers. If you are successful in passing the assessments, you will receive a national qualification from SQA. The qualification is recognised by all Scottish Universities. Modern Studies is useful for many jobs but especially work in the media, law, politics, education, government/local council work, business & international work.