

What will I study?

The course comprises three units plus an assignment.

- Political Issues: a study of democracy in Scotland and the UK
- Social Issues: a study of social inequalities in the United Kingdom
- International Issues: a study of the politics of development in Africa

What skills will I develop?

- the skills of analysis, synthesis, evaluating and decision making , drawing conclusions and detecting objectivity
- a range of research and information handling skills
- knowledge and understanding of contemporary political and social issues in local, Scottish, United Kingdom and international contexts and developing the ability to apply this knowledge to analyse and evaluate a current issue.

How will I be assessed?

The current exam is made up of 2 papers:

Paper 1 is the essay paper and has three sections each of which requires an extended response. It is worth 52 marks.

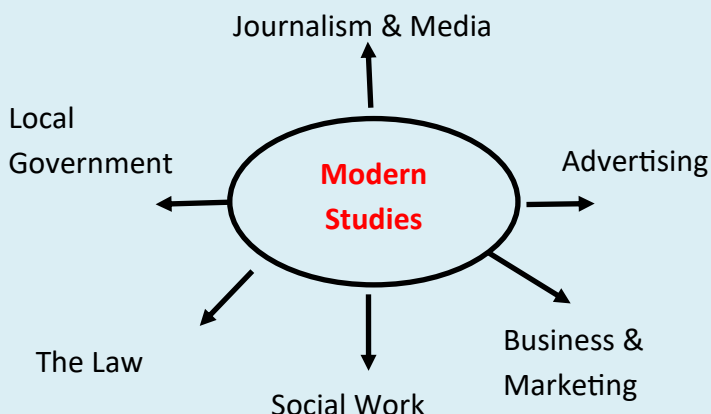
Paper 2 is the source question paper which requires you to analyse, evaluate and make connections written and data sources. It is worth 28 marks.

The assignment is on a topic chosen by the pupil. It is researched in term time, written up under exam conditions and sent away to be marked by the SQA. It is worth 30 marks.

What help is Higher Modern Studies after school?

Students who are successful in the Higher course could progress to HNC or HND awards at college. Alternatively they could use the Higher qualification for general entrance to university for courses such as Law or to particular courses in the social sciences faculty e.g. Politics, Sociology or International Relations.

Possible Careers



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