

Curricular Area: Social Subjects		Subject: Modern Studies			
National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF L7)		
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	Course Content		
At N4 Modern Studies, we study three topics throughout the year. World Issue: Terrorism - Nature, cause and consequences of terrorism. World responses. Social Issues: Crime and the Law - Nature, causes and consequences of crime. Criminal justice system. Democracy in Scotland - Power, participation, influence, representation and voting systems. Pupils can choose any reasonable current topic for their AVU.	At N5 Modern Studies, we study three topics throughout the year. World Issue: Terrorism - Nature, cause and consequences of terrorism. World responses. Social Issues: Crime and the Law - Nature, causes and consequences of crime. Criminal justice system. Democracy in Scotland - Power, participation, influence, representation and voting systems. Pupils can choose any reasonable current topic for their assignment.	Higher works in the same way, with three topics, just in more detail. Democracy in Scotland - Governance, electoral systems, voting behaviour, Brexit etc. Social Inequality - Health and wealth inequality. Effects and responses to inequality. World Powers: The USA - Democracy in the US, political institutions, inequality & influence. Pupils can choose any reasonable current topic for their assignment	At Advanced Higher, you specialise in one topic. We study Law & Order. Law and order and research methods: - The criminal justice system - Understanding criminal behaviour - Social and economic impact of criminal behaviour - Responses by society to crime - Social science research methods and issues, for example, research methodology and source evaluation Pupils choose a dissertation from within the Law and Order topic.		
How will the course be assessed?	How will the course be assessed?	How will the course be assessed?	How will the course be assessed?		
The N4 course is assessed entirely through coursework. Pupils pass or fail based on unit assessments and an ‘Added Value Unit’ assignment.	The N5 course has two methods of assessment: a) Final Exam – 80 marks (80%) b) Assignment – 20 marks (20%)	Higher has three assessments: a) Exam Paper 1 – 52 marks (47%) b) Exam Paper 2 – 28 marks (25%) c) Assignment – 30 marks (27%)	The AH course has two methods of assessment: a) Final Exam – 90 marks (64%) b) Dissertation - 50 marks (36%)		
Career Pathways					
Modern Studies is helpful for further education or careers in many different fields. Some directly related and many through transferrable skills like critical thinking, literacy, and research. Below are some examples of careers that are benefitted by Modern Studies:					
Politics	Civil Service	Diplomacy	Teaching	Human Rights	Economics
Law	Journalism	Criminology	Social Research	Public Relations	Market Research

