

ADVANCED HIGHER MODERN STUDIES

AWARD RECEIVED

You will gain an Advanced Higher Modern Studies award

ENTRY LEVEL – What do I need to do it?

A GOOD PASS AT HIGHER MODERN STUDIES – A OR B
A GOOD RECORD IN HIGHER ENGLISH

COURSE CONTENT: What will I Learn?

The course involves study of Social Issues and Research Methods – Learners will look at various aspects of LAW AND ORDER including:

- Causes of crime
- Victimology
- Responses to crime
- The Penal system
- Alternatives to prison
- International Comparisons

TEACHING METHODS: what will I do?

- Discussion, after research and reading, around various aspects of Law and Order
- IT Research – e.g. looking up crime statistics
- Discussion and completion of essays and Research method questions
- Research and writing of Dissertation
- Programme of prison visits



ASSESSMENT: How will I be assessed?

1. **In the question paper**, you will answer two essay questions worth 30 marks from a choice of three. You will also answer questions on Research Methods worth 30 marks in total. These questions will require a mixture of extended and short responses. These questions will allow you to:

- ◆ demonstrate skills, knowledge and understanding of a range of complex social issues
- ◆ make international comparisons
- ◆ critically evaluate a range of social science research methods

2. Project: dissertation worth 50 marks

The dissertation will give learners an opportunity to undertake independent research in order to demonstrate complex skills, knowledge and understanding.

HOMEWORK

- Research and writing dissertation
- Revision
- Past paper completion

Pupils are encouraged to stay up to date with political issues as well as key development in the justice systems of Scotland, UK and internationally through newspapers, online news and social media newsfeeds.