

HISTORY - HIGHER

What are the aims of this course?

The aims of Higher History are to acquire breadth and depth in the knowledge and understanding of historical themes and to develop skills of explaining historical developments and events, evaluating sources and drawing conclusions.

What are the recommended entry levels for this course?

- National 5 History
- a Course in another social subject at National 5 might be appropriate.

What content is included in this course?

The course consists of 3 parts:

Historical Study: Britain 1851 -1951

Europe and the World: USA 1918-1968 OR The Cold War 1945-1989

Special Topic: Scotland and the Impact of the Great War, 1914 -1928

What skills will I develop?

Students are encouraged to think critically for themselves. They will learn to write clear, structured essays and to compare, analysis and evaluate information.

[Critical Thinking at Higher (SCQF level 6) Planning and Organising at Higher (SCQF level 6)]

What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

A degree of independent learning is required and students should read around the topics. Class discussion, Power Point presentations, DVD, note making and practice answers are all part of the learning experience. Essay writing skills will be developed and document analysis will be further enhanced.

How will I be assessed?

There are two components: a question paper and an assignment, both of which are marked by the SQA.

The question paper is marked out of 60 and reflects the three sections of course content.

The assignment is marked out of 30 and is based on research skills and a degree of personal choice.

What are the homework requirements?

Students will be set essays from past papers and questions from document papers to practice the skills needed to pass the examination successfully. Students should expect homework each week.

What are the possible progression routes?

University; a career in the Law; the Armed Forces – particularly those seeking a commission; Journalism; Teaching; Archaeology; Museums; Tourism; any career where you are required to analyse and evaluate information and write a report based on your findings.

This Course or its Units may provide progression to:

- Advanced Higher History or other subjects at Advanced Higher
- A Higher National programme in Social Sciences
- A higher education Course
- Training or employment

Certification:

Higher History is allocated 24 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 6.