

HISTORY (Advanced Higher)

This is a campus course at Perth Academy in columns D and E

What are the aims of the course?

The Advanced Higher History Course articulates with and provides progression from the Higher History Course. The Course aims to provide an opportunity for further reinforcing and extending the candidate's historical knowledge and understanding to analyse events and their relationships thoroughly and address complex historical issues and interpretations. It also aims to develop the ability to interpret complex primary and secondary historical evidence. In addition, candidates undertake historical study in depth through the research and production of a dissertation.

What are the recommended entry levels for this course?

Students should have a good pass at Higher History – viz. an A pass is desirable.

What content is included in this course?

The Field of Study is "Scotland: Independence and Kingship, 1249-1334".

What skills will I develop?

The aims of the Advanced Higher History Course are to develop and enhance important skills. These skills include: critical analysis of historical research, including evaluating primary and other evidence; participating in debate and discussion, through which attitudes of open-mindedness and tolerance are fostered; organising and analysing lines of argument; adopting a structured approach to the research of a historical issue; constructing and sustaining lines of argument which reflect the complexity of the issues they address; presenting conclusions in a clear way, while reflecting the complexity of the issue under consideration.

How will I be assessed?

Candidates will complete a course assessment which will consist of an exam and a dissertation. The exam will take place over three hours and will consider both historical issues and the handling of historical sources. The exam makes up 90 marks, while the dissertation is marked out of 50.

What are the homework requirements?

This is an intensive course which requires candidates to work independently. Therefore, homework is a standing obligation and candidates must show their commitment to their studies throughout the entire duration of the course.

What are the possible progression routes?

This Course or its Units may provide progression to:

- Further or higher education courses in History, Law or Social Studies
- Training or employment