

HISTORY (National 5)

What are the aims of this course?

The aim of this course is to foster 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.

Learners will develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

What are the recommended entry levels for this course?

Learners should have a National 4 pass in History. Learners may decide to enter this course without a prior qualification in History but if this is the case they should have a National 5 pass in a related discipline and they should certainly have a National 5 pass (or equivalent) in English.

What content is included in this course?

The course is made up of the study of three contexts drawn from Scottish, British and European and World History. Specifically, the learners will focus on: the Scottish Wars of Independence, 1286-1328; the Making of Modern Britain, 1880-1951; and Civil Rights in the USA, 1918-1968.

What skills will I develop?

Students will develop skills of explaining historical developments and events, drawing conclusions and evaluating historical sources.

What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

Students will experience a range of learning experiences and teaching approaches. They will be encouraged to work co-operatively with others and also to work individually to allow opportunities for exercising judgement and taking responsibility for their learning. Resources are varied – ranging from Smartboard interactive lessons through DVDs to the more traditional textbook and factsheets.

How will I be assessed?

To achieve the National 5 course, learners must pass all of the required units and the Course Assessment. The Course Assessment will consist of an assignment and a question paper. Both will be externally assessed.

The assignment is worth 20 marks (20% of the total available for the Course Assessment). Learners will research a topic of their choosing and write a report within one hour. When learners are writing their report they will have access to a Reference Sheet which will take the form of one sheet of A4 paper. The learners will prepare their Reference Sheet before the 'write-up' session.

The question paper will have three sections, one for each of the contexts. The exam is worth 80 marks. The question paper will be completed in two hours and twenty minutes and under exam conditions.

What are the homework requirements?

Set homework is issued periodically, but students are reminded that homework is a standing obligation in this subject. Regular and consistent revision of notes is an important factor in the development of skills and is an important factor in eventual success in the external examination.

What are the possible progression routes?

This Course or its Units may provide progression to:

- ◆ Higher History or other subjects at Higher
- ◆ A higher education Course
- ◆ Training or employment