

# Economics

## SOCIAL STUDIES



### Content

The course has three areas of study:

- Economics of the market
- UK economic activity
- Global economic activity



### Skills

Learners will be able to:

- understand how markets work and how they affect our daily lives
- understand economic problems and explain those problems and consider possible solutions to them
- develop confidence in making decisions and in solving economic issues
- think critically by devising economic solutions to a range of economic problems
- analyse relatively complex economic information and communicate it in a clear and concise way



### Opportunities for Learners

Learners will be able to:

- analyse economic data and information in order to find solutions to economic problems and will communicate these solutions effectively
- deepen their understanding of economic situations and resolutions to economic issues
- learn to distinguish between facts and value judgments
- be able to evaluate economic data from a wide range of economic sources in order to make informed decisions



### Assessment

- The course will be assessed through a question paper (exam) and an assignment, which will be marked by SQA and graded A to D.
- The question paper is worth 90 marks and makes up 75% of the total assessment mark.
- The assignment (30 marks) makes up 25% of the total assessment mark. Learners select an appropriate and current economic topic/issue, research and analyse information, and produce a report using given headings.



**Question Paper** Section 1: two questions based on stimulus material such as graphs, diagrams and/or text (30 marks)  
Section 2: three questions, each based on a different area of study (60 marks)

2 hours 30 minutes  
90 marks

**Specimen Paper** [www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm](http://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm)

**Assignment** Learners will research an economics related topic and write this up as a report. The assignment is carried out independently and is designed to be completed in about 8 hours. Learners choosing to carry out field research may need more time.

8 hours  
(approx.)



**Progression** Higher courses can stand alone or follow on from National 5 qualifications and may lead to Advanced Highers, the Scottish Baccalaureate and a range of qualifications within Further and Higher Education.



For course information, specimen question papers and past paper guidance visit:

Higher Economics: [www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47920.html](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47920.html)

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile

Education Scotland: <https://education.gov.scot/nationalqualifications>

Further Information for Parents and Learners Information on assessment, skills, progression, revision resources and summaries of National Qualifications

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