

National 5 English (Course Code: C824 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study English?

Language and literacy are of personal, social and economic importance. Your ability to use language lies at the centre of the development and expression of your emotions, thinking, learning and sense of personal identity.

This course gives you the opportunity to develop skills in reading, writing, talking and listening, which are essential for learning, life and work. You will develop your ability to communicate your thoughts and feelings and respond to those of other people.

The skills that you develop in English are useful in a wide range of careers; these include teaching, editorial, journalism, administration, legal work or in the arts.

What will I study?

On this course you will:

- Study a text (e.g. a novel, play, film), and learn about its characters and themes. You will write about this in the final exam (20% of your grade).
- Study a Scottish text (a set of poems, a play, or a novel). You will answer questions on this in the exam (20% of your grade).
- Write a personal, or creative, or persuasive essay of around 1000 words (30 % of your grade).
- Regularly read and analyse the ideas and language in non-fiction writing on topical issues. This skill is tested in the final exam through reading a text and answering questions (30% of your grade)

How will I be assessed?

Course Assessment

The course assessment has **three** parts:

- Paper 1: RUAE (read a passage and answer questions) 30 marks
- Paper 2: Critical Reading – section 1 - Scottish texts 20 marks, and section 2 – Critical essay 20 marks
- Portfolio Writing – 30 marks

You will also complete a Talking and Listening internal assessment, such as a group discussion on your Scottish text. This is a pass or fail assessment.

Both the assignment component and question papers will be set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across all course assessment components.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- [SQA Past Papers English National 5](#)
- [SQA Specimen Paper English National 5 \(Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation\)](#)
- [SQA Specimen English National 5 \(Critical Reading\)](#)
- [SQA Understanding Standards English](#)
- [BBC Bitesize National 5 English](#)
- [Ushare Study Resources](#)