

# Draft National Unit Specification



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**Unit title:** Classical Literature (National 5)

**SCQF:** level 5 (6 SCQF credit points)

**Unit code:** to be advised

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## Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to develop the learner's skills in evaluating classical literature. Learners will apply their knowledge and understanding of universal human themes and values revealed by literature from either classical Greek or Roman societies.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Use a chosen classical text to respond, in a straightforward manner, to universal human themes and values
- 2 Use a chosen classical text to draw on straightforward knowledge and understanding of social and moral issues, showing some abstract awareness

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the Classical Studies (National 5) Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes* which provides advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in the *National Assessment Resource*.

## Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ Classical Studies (National 4) or relevant component Units
- ◆ another social subject
- ◆ Literacy (SCQF level 4)

In terms of prior learning and experience, relevant experiences and outcomes may also provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit. Further information on relevant experiences and outcomes will be given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

## **Equality and inclusion**

This Unit specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

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# Standards

## Outcomes and assessment standards

### Outcome 1

The learner will:

- 1 Use a chosen classical text to respond in a straightforward manner, to universal human themes and values by:**
  - 1.1 Outlining different strands of action and/or themes within a chosen classical text
  - 1.2 Generalising, where appropriate, about universal human themes and values
  - 1.3 Providing a relevant, balanced conclusion which compares the values of the classical and modern worlds

### Outcome 2

The learner will:

- 2 Use a chosen classical text to draw upon straightforward knowledge and understanding of social and moral issues, showing some abstract awareness, by:**
  - 2.1 Outlining and explaining, in detail, the intentions of at least one character or the theme in a chosen classical text
  - 2.2 Outlining and explaining, in detail, a social and/or moral issue revealed by a chosen classical text
  - 2.3 Presenting a straightforward conclusion, which goes beyond the narrative of the chosen text, placing the social and moral issues of the classical world in a modern context

## Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Evidence can be presented in a variety of formats, including participation in group tasks, presenting information to other groups, simple digital presentations and straightforward written responses to questions. All of the evidence does not need to be from the one activity, but can be assembled from a variety of tasks and assessments carried out during the duration of the Course.

Evidence may be presented for individual Outcomes or gathered for the Unit or Course as a whole by combining assessment holistically in one single activity.

Exemplification of assessment will be provided in the *National Assessment Resource*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

# Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

## 1 Literacy

- 1.1 Reading
- 1.2 Writing
- 1.3 Listening and talking

## 4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship

- 4.6 Citizenship

## 5 Thinking skills

- 5.3 Applying
- 5.4 Analysing and evaluating

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level of the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

## Administrative information



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### History of changes

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