

Scottish Group Award Specifications

SGA in:	Social Sciences		
Level:	Intermediate 2	Code:	G5J1 11

Summary of requirements

SGA in Social Sciences at Intermediate 2

National Courses and Units required*

1 National Course (4 credits) at Intermediate 2 from:

English

Gàidhlig¹

¹See Rules for credit contribution

Details in specific section

plus

1 National Course (4 credits) at Intermediate 2 from:

Social Sciences:

Economics

Geography

History

Modern Studies

Philosophy

Politics

Psychology

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies

Sociology

Classics:

Classical Studies

Details in specific section

plus

8 credits at minimum of Intermediate 1

Details in open section

Total 16 credits

Core skills required*

The above must include or cover:

5 core skills at Intermediate 1

Details in specific section

*See Important Note on page 4.

Rules for credit contribution for specific and open sections

Important Note* Achievement above the minimum requirements

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- Core Skills at levels above those specified
- more National Courses and Units at Intermediate 2 instead of the credits at Intermediate 1
- National Course grades, eg grade A or B instead of grade C
- more than the required two National Courses, in which case each additional course completed counts as four credits in the open section of the specification

Hierarchies

- courses and units can be substituted by those with the same title at a higher level, eg Language Study (Int 2) can be substituted by Language Study (H) (See Section E)

Double counting

- courses and units with the same title at different levels cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** Classical Studies (Int 2) **or** Classical Studies (H)
- courses at the same level in the same subject cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** the National Course in History at Intermediate 2 **or** Standard Grade History at Credit Level (See Section F)
- same course with different grades cannot both contribute credits to the SGA, eg **either** Geography (Int 2) at grade A **or** Geography (Int 2) at grade C
- same course or unit cannot contribute credit to both the specific and open sections of an SGA

National Course awards at Grade D

National Course awards at Grade D can contribute to the SGA in the following ways:

- in place of the specified Intermediate 2 Course, a grade D at Higher (or above) in the Course of the same title can contribute 4 credits to the specific section
- a grade D at Intermediate 2 (or above) can contribute 4 credits to the open section.

Note - The former compensatory course awards (fallbacks) can also contribute to the SGA:

- in place of the specified Intermediate 2 Course, a compensatory award for the Course of the same title taken at Higher (ie awarded at Intermediate 2) can contribute 4 credits to the specific section
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English and Gàidhlig

- Candidates can choose **either** the English or Gàidhlig course, not both

Specific section

A

This section specifies: mandatory courses, mandatory units, mandatory combinations of courses and/or units, mandatory core skill requirements and optional courses and units.

Course/unit no.	Course/unit title	Credits
One National Course from:		
C115 11	English (Int 2)	4
C041 11	Gàidhlig (Int 2)	4
One National Course from:		
C013 11	Classical Studies (Int 2)	4
C038 11	Economics (Int 2)	4
C208 11	Geography (Int 2)	4
C044 11	History (Int 2)	4
C064 11	Modern Studies (Int 2)	4
C073 11	Philosophy (Int 2)	4
C070 11	Politics (Int 2)	4
C212 11	Psychology (Int 2)	4
C072 11	Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (Int 2)	4
C074 11	Sociology (Int 2)	4

¹See Rules for credit contribution

Total credits required: 8

** Core skills requirement

Communication at Intermediate 1
Numeracy at Intermediate 1
Information Technology at Intermediate 1
Problem Solving at Intermediate 1
Working with Others at Intermediate 1

** See Section D for core skills details.

Note: Candidates may substitute designated Standard Grades at Credit Level for National Courses at Intermediate 2 in this section. (See Section F)

Open section

B

8 credits at minimum of Intermediate 1 are required to complete this SGA. These can be chosen from either one or both of the following sections:

- Open section (any qualification listed below)
- Specific section (units and courses not already chosen)

The 8 credits may be made up from any of the following. Each has a fixed credit value for the purposes of this SGA.

Qualifications	Credit
National Units at Intermediate 1 or above	each typically 1
National Courses at Intermediate 1 or above	each 4
Standard Grades at General Level contribute credits at <i>Intermediate 1</i> *	each 4
Standard Grades at Credit Level contribute credits at <i>Intermediate 2</i> *	each 4
Free-standing core skills units (if required to complete the core skills requirement)	each 1
Relevant SVQs at Level 1 in the following occupational area contribute credits at <i>Intermediate 1</i> : 009 (Providing Business Services)	max 8
Relevant SVQs at Level 2 in the following occupational areas contribute credits at <i>Intermediate 2</i> : 007 (Providing Goods and Services) 008 (Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services) 009 (Providing Business Services) 010 (Communicating and Entertaining)	max 8

*If achieved prior to 1994 please contact SQA Helpdesk ☎ 0141 242 2214.

Note: There are many ways in which the 8 credits at Intermediate 1 can be achieved and the following sections are provided for your information.

Open section: Qualifications which can contribute credits to this group award.

Programme advice: Guidance on possible combinations of units and courses which candidates might choose in order to gain the required credits.

Centres and candidates should agree the most appropriate way of gaining the required credits to meet each candidate's individual needs.

Rules for credit contribution for specific and open sections

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Note: Advice on making up programmes of credit from the open section follows in Section C.

Programme advice

C

Candidates having met the requirements of the specific section need to achieve a further 8 credits at a minimum of Intermediate 1. The general rules are defined in Section B.

A wide choice is available to meet the 8 credits. Centres should consider individual candidate needs, eg for further specialist work within the title area of the SGA or for broadening beyond the SGA title area.

Advice has been developed in the following section on possible groupings of units and courses. This might be useful in the selection of programmes to meet individual candidates' career and progression needs in the arts. The groupings are not exhaustive. Centres and candidates can choose other provision from SQA's range of qualifications to build up a coherent programme.

Candidates can make up the 8 credits by selecting courses and/or units from a range of these groupings or by selecting courses and/or units from an individual grouping according to their needs.

Please note the rules on hierarchical substitution and double-counting listed in Section B when finalising individual candidate SGA programmes.

*Mandatory unit of a course. † Optional unit of a course. All other units are free-standing National Units.

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
Classical Studies		
Course:		
C013 10	Classical Studies (Int 1)	4
Component units of course:		
D078 10	*Classical Mythology (Int 1)	1
D077 10	*Roman Archaeology and Civilisation (Int 1)	1
D076 10	*Social Aspects of the Classical World: Classical Drama (Int 1)	1
Economics		
Course:		
C038 10	Economics (Int 1)	4
Component units of course:		
D204 10	*Macroeconomic Concepts (Int 1)	1
D202 10	*The Economics of the Market (Int 1)	1
D203 10	*The Individual and Employment (Int 1)	1

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
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English and Communication

Course:

C115 10	English (Int 1)	4
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Component units of course:

D8VH 10	English: Language Study (Int 1)	1
D8VJ 10	English: Literary Study (Int 1)	1
D8VK 10	English: Personal Study (written response) (Int 1)	1
D8VL 10	English: Personal Study (spoken response) (Int 1)	1

Gàidhlig

Course:

C041 10	Gàidhlig (Int 1) ¹	4
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Component units of course:

D230 10	*Interpretative Language Skills (Int 1)	1
D231 10	*Expressive Language Skills (Int 1)	1
D232 10	*Appreciative Language Skills (Int 1)	1

¹See Rules for credit contribution

Geography

Course:

C208 10	Geography (Int 1)	4
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Component units of course:

DF3C 10	Geography: Physical Environment (Int 1)	1
DF43 10	Geography: Human Environment (Int 1)	1
DF44 10	Geography: Environmental Interactions (Int 1)	1

History

Course:

C044 10	History (Int 1)	4
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Component units of course:

D256 10	*Historical Study: European and World (Int 1)	1
D257 10	*Historical Study: Options (Int 1)	1
D255 10	*Historical Study: Scottish and British (Int 1)	1

Languages other than English/Gàidhlig

Courses:

C059 10	French (Int 1)	4
C084 10	Gaelic (Learners): Listening and Talking (Int 1)	4
C085 10	Gaelic (Learners): Reading and Writing (Int 1)	4
C060 10	German (Int 1)	4
C061 10	Italian (Int 1)	4

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
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Languages other than English/Gàidhlig

Courses continued:

C062 10	Russian (Int 1)	4
C063 10	Spanish (Int 1)	4
C015 10	Classical Greek (Int 1)	4
C014 10	Latin (Int 1)	4

Any component units of any modern languages course at Intermediate 1

Any free-standing National Units in modern languages at Intermediate 1

¹See Rules for credit contribution

Modern Studies

Course:

C064 10	Modern Studies (Int 1)	4
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Component units of course:

D345 10	*International Issues (Int 1)	1
D343 10	*Political Issues in the United Kingdom (Int 1)	1
D344 10	*Social Issues in the United Kingdom (Int 1)	1

Music

Course:

C090 10 - C095 10	Music (Int 1)	4
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Component units of course:

D349 10	*Performing, Inventing and Listening (Int 1)	2
D350 10	†Inventing-Extension (Int 1)	1
D351 10	†Listening-Extension (Int 1)	1
D352 10	†MIDI Sequencing (Int 1)	1
D353 10	†Performing-Extension (Int 1)	1
D354 10	†Sound Engineering and Production (Int 1)	1

Personal and Social Education

Course:

C067 10	Personal and Social Education (Int 1)	4
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Component units of course:

D364 10	*Personal Awareness and Development (Int 1)	1
D365 10	*Social Awareness and Development (Int 1)	1
D366 10	*Vocational Awareness and Development (Int 1)	1

Course/unit title		Credits
Physical Education		
Course:		
C205 10	Physical Education (Int 1)	4
Component units of course:		
DF2T 10	* Physical Education: Performance (Int 1)	1.5
DF2R 10	* Physical Education: Analysis and Development of Performance (Int 1)	1.5
Politics		
Course:		
C070 10	Politics (Int 1)	4
Component units of course:		
D389 10	*Political Theory: An Introduction (Int 1)	1
D390 10	*Political Structures: An Introduction (Int 1)	1
D391 10	*Political Behaviour: An Introduction (Int 1)	1
Psychology		
Course:		
C212 10	Psychology (Int 1)	4
Component units of course:		
DF5K 10	Psychology: Understanding the Individual (Int 1)	1
DF5L10	Psychology: Investigating Behaviour (Int 1)	1
DF5M 10	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (Int 1)	1
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies		
Course:		
C072 10	Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (Int 1)	4
Component units of course:		
D408 10	*Making Moral Decisions (Int 1)	1
D411 10	†Justice in the World (Int 1)	1
D409 10	†Nature of Belief (Int 1)	1
D410 10	†Religion and the Social World (Int1)	1
Sociology		
Course:		
C074 10	Sociology (Int 1)	4
Component units of course:		
D430 10	*Social Stratification: An Introduction (Int 1)	1
D429 10	*Socialisation: An Introduction (Int 1)	1
D431 10	*Research Methods: An Introduction (Int 1)	1

Course/unit no	Course/unit title	Credits
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Work Experience

Free-standing National Unit:

D36H 10	Work Experience (Int 1)	1
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Core Skills

Free-standing National Units:

D01B 10	Communication (Int 1)	1
D01D 10	Information Technology (Int 1)	1
D01C 10	Numeracy (Int 1)	1
D01E 10	Problem Solving (Int 1)	1
D01F 10	Working with Others (Int 1)	1

Candidates who have not achieved these core skills in other ways must select the required core skills units. See Section D for further information.

One or more core skills in this SGA may be automatically certificated through courses and units in the specific section. Where this is the case, the corresponding core skill unit in the open section cannot be counted towards the SGA.

Core skills

D

To achieve this SGA, all candidates **must achieve** the following core skills:

Core skill	Level
Communication	Intermediate 1
Numeracy	Intermediate 1
Information Technology	Intermediate 1
Problem Solving	Intermediate 1
Working with Others	Intermediate 1

Candidates can achieve core skills:

- through Standard Grades or other units which give automatic certification of core skills, eg a candidate who has completed Standard Grade English and Mathematics at General Level is given automatic certification of Communication and Numeracy at Intermediate 1
- by selecting from the group award units and courses which give automatic certification of core skills, eg the following three units give automatic certification of Communication at Intermediate 2:

Language Study (Int 2)

Literary Study (Int 2)

Individual Presentation (Int 2)

The Media Studies course at Intermediate 2 gives automatic certification of Problem Solving and Working with Others at Intermediate 2.

- by selecting dedicated core skills units in the open section of the SGA

Candidates' current level of achievement in core skills is shown on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate in the form of a profile. This shows achievement against each of the core skills *components*. Where a core skill has more than one component, the candidate needs to achieve each component at the level specified for the SGA. For example, if an SGA requires Communication at Intermediate 1, a candidate whose profile shows Written Communication at Intermediate 1 and Oral Communication at Access 3 would not meet the requirement and would have to improve in Oral Communication.

Details of all courses which give automatic certification of core skills is published in the *Catalogue of Core Skills in National Qualifications* (SQA, 2001/2002).

Hierarchical sequences

E

The SQA numbering system for qualifications consists of a 4 + 2 reference code.

The qualifications in a hierarchical sequence have the same title and are available at more than one level. They are identified by their reference code having the same first four digits, eg, DF5M in the example below. The last two digits are unique to each level of qualification, eg 12 equates to Higher, 11 equates to Intermediate 2.

Units

The following is an example of a hierarchical sequence of units:

DF5M 10	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (Int 1)
DF5M 11	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (Int 2)
DF5M 12	Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (H)

Where units which are part of hierarchical sequences are specified, candidates who achieve a unit at a higher level than the one specified can use the upper level unit to count as credit towards the group award. For example, Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (H) can be counted instead of Psychology: The Individual in the Social Context (Int 2)

Candidates can only use one of these units to count as credit towards the group award.

In the case of unrevised National Certificate Modules, ie units which retain their original number, there are hierarchies where the title is the same and the number is different. Details of these exceptions will be published in a separate document. The pattern for these hierarchies is the same as that previously established for GSVQs.

There are also some hierarchies where the titles and numbers of the units at different levels are different. In this specification, if there are two units at different levels with heavily overlapping content, only one of these units should be used to count as credit towards the group award. Details of these exceptions will be published in a separate document.

Courses

The following is an example of a hierarchical sequence of courses:

C060 10	German (Int 1)
C060 11	German (Int 2)
C060 12	German (H)
C060 13	German (AH)

In the SGA specification, where courses which belong to hierarchical sequences are specified, candidates who achieve a course at a higher level than the one specified can use the upper level course to count as credit towards the group award. For example, German (Int 2) can be counted instead of German (Int 1).

Candidates can only use one of these courses to count as credit towards the group award - a maximum of 4 credits.

Standard Grades

F

Designated Standard Grades at Credit Level can contribute 4 credits each to the SGA in place of corresponding National Courses in the *specific section*.

The designated Standard Grades and their corresponding National Courses, either of which can contribute to this SGA, are as follows:

Standard Grade

National Course

Classical Studies at Credit Level

Classical Studies (Int 2)

Contemporary Social Studies at Credit level

History (Int 2)

or

Geography (Int 2)

or

Modern Studies (Int 2)

Economics at Credit Level

Economics (Int 2)

English at Credit Level

English (Int 2)

Gàidhlig at Credit Level

Gàidhlig (Int 2)

Geography at Credit Level

Geography (Int 2)

History at Credit Level

History (Int 2)

Modern Studies at Credit Level

Modern Studies (Int 2)

Religious Studies at Credit Level

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (Int 2)

Note: Any Standard Grade at General or Credit Level can contribute 4 credits to the *open section*.

Relevant Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) from the following occupational areas can contribute up to eight credits to the open section of the SGA:

007 (Providing Goods and Services)

008 (Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services)

009 (Providing Business Services)

010 (Communicating and Entertaining)

SVQs at Level 2 contribute credits at Intermediate 2.

SVQs at Level 1 contribute credits at Intermediate 1.

The following are **examples** of relevant SVQs.

Code no	Relevant SVQs	Level
009 Providing Business Services		
G5W5 22	Administration	2
G5W4 21	Administration	1

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