

Introducing Advanced Higher Economics

Advanced Higher is SQA's highest level of National Course. It is very demanding. Advanced Higher extends students' knowledge and skills beyond Higher. Students will face new academic and personal challenges, requiring them to develop their knowledge and abilities and to think and work independently.

Advanced Higher Economics

The Advanced Higher Economics Course consists of three mandatory Units:

Microeconomics (1 Credit). This Unit enables candidates to understand the behaviour of firms under different market conditions, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of externalities and government responses to them. It concentrates on extending economic knowledge and understanding of fundamental economic concepts of the theory of the firm and market behaviour.

Economics Issues and Policies (1 Credit). This Unit allows candidates to apply their theoretical grounding in Economics to the explanation and analysis of current economic issues affecting the UK economy and the international economic community. It emphasises the application of economic principles to the analysis of current national and international economic events, and takes account of different economics perspectives.

Economic Research (1 Credit). This Unit provides candidates with the knowledge and skills to plan and evaluate research into a contemporary economic issue and to plan how to present their findings in a coherent and structured format. It builds on their study of Economics and requires that they examine the process of preparing a dissertation on an economic topic of their choice. This Unit will enable candidates to gain an understanding of the planning process, and subsequently will help prepare candidates for entry to university or college.

To achieve an award in the Course, a candidate must: pass internal assessment in all three Units; achieve Grade A–D in Economic Dissertation (25 marks will contribute to the overall award); and achieve Grade A–D in the external examination (75 marks will contribute to the overall award).

Further Information

You can find the detailed Course Arrangements on the Economics page of SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk).

Copies of past examination papers (for the last two years) can be purchased from SQA's Customer Contact Centre — tel 0845 279 1000. The Contact Centre can also send you our free leaflet *Introducing Advanced Higher* (publication code BD2803).