

DEPARTMENT

RMPS

TITLE OF COURSE

RMPS

LEVEL

National 5 (7th option)

RECOMMENDED ENTRY LEVELS

Completion of Broad General Education in S3 to Level 3 or 4

Why Study National 4 and 5 RMPS?

It is compulsory for all learners in Scotland to complete learning in Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies. Undertaking RMPS contributes to learners understanding of the society in which they live and work by helping them learn about, and from, religious beliefs, non-religious viewpoints and their own experiences. In addition RMPS develops skills in critical thinking and develops tolerance and open-mindedness.

COURSE CONTENT:

Morality and Medicine (covered in core RMPS in S3)

Learners will develop an understanding of the issues relating to the value of life, and issues such as euthanasia and the use of embryos. They will be expected to investigate the issues and be able to express their views in a reasoned manner.

World Religion: Islam

Learners will study Islam and its impact, relevance and significance through studying some key beliefs and practices found in Islam, and the contribution these make to the lives of Muslims.

Religious and Philosophical Questions: The Existence of God (covered in core RMPS in S4)

Learners debate the philosophical issues relating to whether or not there is a God, specifically focusing on the teleological and cosmological arguments.

METHODOLOGY:

Learners will attend class two periods per week in addition to their core RMPS lesson. They will participate in class discussion and debate. There will be a focus on developing analytical written answers. There will be opportunities to use ICT to enhance learning.

ASSESSMENT:

At National 5 learners will sit end of topic tests to assess the continued suitability of learners to cope with the demands of the National 5 exam. The assignment requires learners to write a discursive essay under timed examination conditions which is marked by the SQA. This accounts for 20% of the overall grade.

To gain the overall course award the learner would then sit the National 5 exam which lasts for 2 hours and 20 minutes.