

Advanced Higher Modern Studies – Success Criteria

Formal Assessments:

- ✓ Percentage achieved in formal assessments.
- ✓ Areas of strength and areas for development as a result of formal assessments.
- ✓ Consistency shown in formal assessments.
- ✓ Application of analysis and synthesis in assessments.
- ✓ Application of knowledge.

Dissertation:

- ✓ That I can clearly follow the success criteria.
- ✓ The scope and level of my independent research.
- ✓ That I meet deadlines for submission of drafts.
- ✓ That I respond positively to any comments on a draft of a piece of writing and edit accordingly.
- ✓ To what extent I can clearly structure my dissertation.
- ✓ To what extent I can successfully pursue a clear line of argument throughout my dissertation.
- ✓ That I respond positively to any comments on a draft of a piece of writing and edit and improve it.

Class/Homework:

- ✓ That I have full and clear notes on all topics covered in the course.
- ✓ I will engage in learning and complete the activities asked of me to the best of my ability.
- ✓ That I meet deadlines for submission and complete outstanding classwork at home.
- ✓ That I respond positively to any advice on homework and try to improve this area.

What will be taken into consideration when deciding on a teacher-estimated grade for Advanced Higher Modern Studies?

- Performance in the Formal Assessment.
- Performance in the informal assessments, which are ongoing throughout the year:
 - Dissertation drafts.
 - Practice timed questions in class.
 - Quality of extended pieces of writing.
 - Continuous research on current criminal justice issues.
- The estimated grade for the dissertation (based on drafts).
- Commitment and quality in classwork/homework.