

GCSE 2009 Citizenship Studies



How does your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Citizenship Studies differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage
Resits -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Terminal requirement -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Citizenship Studies full course (2RS01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. For the short course (3CS01) only one unit must be taken in the final examination series.
Calculating results -	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal rule will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank.
The GCSE standard -	all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam series they are offered

Below are examples of how your candidates' experience of the new specification might differ to that of the old

Please note: this example is not a recommendation of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of one of the ways that the qualification might be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

Old GCSE Citizenship Studies short course (3280)

Unit availability		weightings %	Mode	Max Sbj Mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS					
01 - Citizenship Today		60	Exam	100	Overall grade
02 - Participating in Society		40	coursework		

New GCSE 2009: Citizenship Studies short course (3CS01)

Unit availability		weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS					
5CS01 - Citizenship Today		40	Exam	60	Overall grade
5CS02 - Participating in Society		60	Controlled	90	

New GCSE 2009: Citizenship Studies full course course (2RS01)

Unit availability		weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS					
5CS01 - Citizenship Today		20	Exam	60	Overall grade
5CS02 - Participating in Society		30	Controlled	90	
5CS03 - Citizenship In Context		20	Exam	60	
5CS04 - Citizenship Campaign		30	Controlled	90	

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