Global Studies A/T— Revised for 2021

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Are you looking for a course that…

Gives you a greater understanding of yourself, your culture and your values?

Provides you with a sound general knowledge of Australia and our relationships with the rest of the World?

Gives you the skills to analyse and critically evaluate these relationships?

Encourages you to develop a world view?

Gives you a chance to look into politics and international relations?

Global Studies is a multi-disciplinary subject that aims to help students articulate concepts of personal responsibility, and to equip them to navigate, function in, and contribute effectively, in new and creative ways—to a dynamic and complex world.

Global Studies would be valuable for students who have an interest in politics, philosophy, journalism, diplomacy, cultural studies, science, legal studies, languages, humanities, economics, the arts, international relations, the United Nations and global citizenship.

Course Patterns

Minor: 2 to 3 units

Major: 3.5 or 4 units

Units

Global Actors

Students learn about the distinctive nature and origin of actors within contemporary global politics. They reflect on their own role as a citizen giving legitimacy to global actors through their decisions and beliefs. The choice of actors for study will include a range from different locations and spheres of influence such as terrorist groups, UN, Greenpeace.

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Global Processes

Students critically analyse the purpose, nature, and origins of global processes in the international order, and how these facilitate or impede relationships among global actors in many communities. Students reflect on their place, and their communities' role, in global processes in working towards the common good. The World Bank, WHO, IMF and First Nation claims to sovereignty are some areas which may be explored.

Global Challenges

Students critically analyse significant contemporary issues that pose challenges to global actors and processes, and to individuals around the world, as a result of processes employed by global actors to address issues and critique the resulting balance of power. Areas which may be studied include climate change, cybersecurity, natural disasters. They also question whether the mechanisms that regulate global behaviour effectively manage the tension between self-interest and collectivism.

Global Opportunities

Students analyse what progress and change can be achieved by global political action. They examine how the global system is perceived and used to improve lives for individuals and communities. Students evaluate possible pathways for progress and consider to whom current reform processes bring benefits. Students consider their preferred future, the actions necessary to achieve it, and why it would be better. Free Trade agreements, Sustainable Development goals and micro-financing are some areas for study.

Negotiated Study

This independent research unit is available to students who have demonstrated high conceptual, cognitive and organisational outcomes in at least three previous units.

Extra– curricular

Global Classroom (R unit)

Global Classroom is a registered unit program linking with a network of international schools committed to Global education.

International excursion

Interested students may participation in the annual Global Classroom Conference.