

# Global Studies A/T

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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

### Big Ideas and You

This unit will give students an understanding of what people know, think and believe. It will make students aware that there is more than one way to think about the world in which we live - how they can participate in and contribute to global communities. You will have the opportunity to learn about topics including epistemology, the philosophy of punishment, the changing moral status of animals, and student-selected case studies.



### Australia: Our Democracy, Your Choice

This unit will enable students to acquire knowledge and understanding of Australia's democratic political landscape, the history that contributed to its formation and to become reflective, informed and active citizens. You will have the opportunity to learn about: the foundations of democracy and its strengths and weaknesses as a political system, current and historical political affairs and movements in the Australian context, electoral systems and political representation.



### Cultural Identity in Asia

This unit aims to expand research and analytical skills by conducting in depth investigation and evaluation of current issues in Asia. The focus is on countries with a particular relevance to Australia. You will have the opportunity to learn about: theories of culture, and case studies including censorship in China, the caste system in India, and student-selected case studies.



### Global Challenges

This unit consolidates knowledge and skill gained in the initial units of the course by putting theory into practice. This is a 'hands on' approach where students will explore possible solutions to existing community issues and communicate their ideas to others. Extra curricular activities such as community activism are integral components of the course.

