

IB GLOBAL POLITICS

Why this Course?

The global politics course explores political concepts such as power, equality, sustainability, and peace then applies these ideas to the world around us.

With a global focus students are able to explore politics across a range of different contexts including the local, national and international dimensions of political activity. You will then be able to understand how these affect your own life.

You will study four core compulsory units:

1. Power, sovereignty and international relations
2. Human rights
3. Development
4. Peace and conflict

You will also get to choose two political issues from the following list and research into a particular case study that you find interesting:

Environment, Poverty, Health, Identity, Borders, Security.

A key aspect of the course is to complete a political engagement project of your choosing and produce a report and presentation.

Student Profile

This course is for students who want to engage with the world around them and investigate the difference power makes to societies and individuals.

Students should be intellectually curious and take an interest in current events. There is a lot of flexibility in terms of your engagement

activity and the case studies you choose- so passion around political themes such as injustice, equality and the environment will give you a great start. Critical engagement with theorists and commentators will be essential. If you enjoy discussion, analysing arguments and want to become more confident and articulate – this is a great course for you to study.

Assessment

External assessment

- Paper 1 (1 h 15 min) Stimulus-based paper on a topic from one of the four core units: 20%.

- Paper 2 (2 h 45 min) Extended response paper based on the four core units: 40%.

Internal assessment

Engagement activity: A written report (2,000-word maximum) on a political issue explored through engagement and research: 20%.

HL extension: global political challenges. Two video recorded oral presentations (10 minutes maximum each) of two case studies chosen from two different HL extension topics: 20%.

Progression

IB Politics provides an excellent background for careers in law, journalism, the caring professions, teaching, and a range of management and business areas.

With a strong focus on research and presenting your ideas it will give you an advantage where you need to be confident and able to get your point across clearly and concisely, for example at interviews, or when working as part of a team.

COURSE DETAILS

Course Title

IB Global Politics

Exam Board

IB

Course Length & Qualification

2 Years

Generic entry requirements for IB Diploma subjects

4 GCSEs at Grade 4-9

Subject specific entry requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE English or History

Compatible subjects

English, Law, History, Philosophy, Criminology, Geography, Business.