

Global Politics

Units 3-4

In the study of Global Politics in VCE, students will learn to analyse the causes and consequences of global issues and contemporary crises, evaluate the effectiveness of global actors' responses, and assess how these responses impact political stability or change. They will also study the various sources and forms of power used by a state in the Indo-Pacific region, evaluating its success in achieving national interests. Additionally, students will examine different perspectives on Australia's national interests in the Indo-Pacific and evaluate how Australia's pursuit of these interests has led to cooperation or conflict with three other states in the region.

UNIT 3 - Global cooperation and conflict

AOS1 - Global issues, global responses

AOS2 - Contemporary crises: conflict, stability and change

In this unit, students investigate an issue and a crisis that pose challenges to the global community. Students also examine the causes and consequences of a humanitarian crisis that may have begun in one state but which has crossed over into neighbouring states and requires an emergency response. They consider the causes of these issues and crises, and investigate their consequences on a global level and for a variety of global actors.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Case study research, internet investigations and oral presentations.

KEY SKILLS REQUIRED

Analytical reading and research, summarising, formal writing and synthesising evidence to draw conclusions, close reading and note taking and participation in class discussion.

ASSESSED TASKS

Short answer tests, essays, multimedia presentations, case studies or extended responses.

UNIT 4 - Power in the Indo-Pacific

AOS1 - Power and the national interest AOS2 - Australia in the Indo-Pacific

In this unit, students investigate the strategic competition for power and influence in the Indo-Pacific region. They consider the interests and perspectives of global actors within the region, including the challenges to regional co-operation and stability. Building on their study of global issues and contemporary crises in Unit 3, students develop their understanding of power and national interests through an in-depth examination of one state's perspectives, interests and actions. Students must choose one state from the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia or the United States of America.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Case study research, internet investigations and oral presentations.

KEY SKILLS REQUIRED

Close reading and note taking, participation in class discussion, analytical reading and research, summarising, formal writing and synthesising evidence to draw conclusions.

ASSESSED TASKS

Short answer tests, essays, multimedia presentations, case studies or extended responses and an end of year written examination.

VCAA ASSESSMENT – The overall Study Score will consist of:

School Assessed Coursework Unit 3 (25%), School Assessed Coursework Unit 4 (25%), 2 hour written examination in November (50%).