



COURSE DESCRIPTOR

IBDP GLOBAL POLITICS

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

The Global Politics course aims to develop international-mindedness in students through an examination of fundamental political concepts that have global significance. It also enables students to reach an awareness and appreciation of both their own civic responsibility at a local level and their shared responsibility as citizens of an increasingly interconnected world.

PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in and curiosity about the international politics

GCSE or equivalent

IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

EXAM BOARD

IBDP

COURSE CONTENT

| Year 1 | Year 2 |
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| Unit 1 – Power, sovereignty and international relations | Unit 3 – Development |
| Unit 2 – Human rights | Unit 4 – Peace and conflict |

ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.

Grades are determined by three components: two examined modules and an Engagement Activity (or Non-Examined Assessment) in the form of written report. Final examinations take place in May at the end of the 2-year course. HL students complete an additional non-examined assessment in the form of two oral presentations on Global Political Challenges.

An end of year exam must be passed for entry to year 2 and a mock exam must be passed for entry into the public exams.

| Paper | Length of paper | Weighting |
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| 1. Core Units | 25 marks 1 hour and 15 minutes written paper | 20% HL 30% SL |
| 2. Core Units | 75 marks 2 hours and 45 minutes written paper | 40% HL 45% SL |
| 3. Engagement Activity: Written Report | 25 marks Max 2000 words (non-exam assessment) | 20% HL 25% SL |
| 4. Global Political Challenges: Oral Presentations | 20 marks Max 10 minutes each (non-exam assessment) | 20% HL |

TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

| Title | ISBN | Author |
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| Global Politics (Oxford IB Diploma Programme) | 978-0198308836 | Max Kirsch |





Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision.

HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Global Politics will enhance your skills in research, essay writing, presentation, critical reading, and critical thinking to name a few, which are highly valued by universities and employers. Global Politics is popular with students who wish to study International Relations, Politics, PPE, Law at university and/or enter careers in diplomacy or civil service.

Previous Global Politics students have gained acceptance in undergraduate courses in Law and International Politics at prestigious Russell group universities.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

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