

# Unit 3 and 4 Global Politics



## Course Description

Global Politics is the study of the political, social, cultural and economic forces that shape interactions between states and other global actors in the contemporary world. It examines the interconnectedness of the contemporary global political arena and the impact of globalisation on culture, sovereignty, human rights and the environment. It examines the nature and power of key global actors and the types of power used by an Asia-Pacific state to achieve its national interests. It considers global ethical issues including human rights, people movement, development and arms control and explores the nature and effectiveness of global responses to crises such as climate change, armed conflict, terrorism and economic instability.

## Course Structure

### *Unit 3 – Global actors*

In this unit students evaluate the power of key global actors and assess the extent to which they achieve their aims and are able to challenge state sovereignty. They analyse and evaluate the effectiveness of the use of various types of power by a specific Asia-Pacific state in pursuit of its national interests.

#### *Area of Study*

1. Global actors
2. Power in Asia-Pacific

### *Unit 4 – Global challenges*

In this unit students analyse the debates relating to TWO global ethical issues and evaluate the effectiveness of global actors' responses to these issues. They analyse TWO contemporary global crises and evaluate the effectiveness of global actors' responses to these.

#### *Area of Study*

1. Ethical issues and debates
2. Global crisis

## Entry and Recommendations

There are no prerequisites for entry to Units 1, 2 and 3. Students must undertake Unit 3 prior to undertaking Unit 4. Units 1 to 4 are designed to a standard equivalent to the final two years of secondary education. All VCE studies are benchmarked against comparable national and international curriculum.

## Assessment

### *Satisfactory Completion*

Demonstration of achievement of outcomes and satisfactory completion of a unit are determined by evidence gained through the assessment of a range of learning activities and tasks.

### *Level of Achievement*

#### *Unit 3 and 4*

- Unit 3 School-based Assessment (25%)
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- Examination (50%)