

IB Global Politics Level 3

Qualification Aims and Objectives

Global Politics is an exciting, dynamic subject that draws on a variety of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. The study of global politics enables students to critically engage with different and new perspectives and approaches to politics in order to comprehend the challenges of the changing world and become aware of their role in it as active global citizens.

This course consists of four core units: Power, Sovereignty & International Relations, Human Rights, Development, and Peace and Conflict. The course aims to give students:

- Understanding of key political concepts and contemporary political issues in a range of contexts.
- Understanding of the local, national, international and global dimensions of political activity.
- Understanding, appreciation and critically engagement with a variety of perspectives and approaches in global politics.
- Appreciation of the complex and interconnected nature of many political issues, and to develop the capacity to interpret competing and contestable claims regarding those issues.

Course Outline

Power, Sovereignty and International Relations

- Power, sovereignty, legitimacy and interdependence

Human Rights

- Human rights, justice, liberty and equality

Development

- Development, globalisation, inequality and sustainability

Peace and Conflict

- Peace, conflict, violence and non-violence

Assessment:

- Paper one (1 h 15 min): 20%. Stimulus-based paper based on a topic from one of the four core units. Four compulsory short-answer/structured questions (25 marks).
- Paper two (2 h 45 min): 40%. Extended response paper based on the four core units. Students must write three essays from a choice of eight, each selected from a different core unit (75 marks).
- Engagement activity: 20%. A written report (2,000-word maximum) on a political issue explored through engagement and research (20 marks).
- Global Political Challenges: 20%. Two recorded oral presentations lasting 10 minutes each.



Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 9-5 grades in GCSE examinations including English and Maths, and a grade 6 in a Humanities subject.

Future courses & possible careers

- Journalism
- Media
- Civil Service
- Local Government
- International Relations
- Business Researchers

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