

## 9. Year 12 Subjects 2011 (Humanities)

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### VCE International Studies Units 3&4

#### Unit 3 International Studies – Global Issues and Conflict

This unit investigates recent global politics and the nature of conflict since the end of the Cold War. The unit begins with an examination of the concepts of globalisation and internationalism and the increasing interdependence of people and societies across a range of economic, cultural and security matters. Students explore increasingly complex notions of national interest, sovereignty, autonomy and independence. They undertake a study of the nature of conflict in a post-Cold War world no longer divided into two ideological blocs. They examine the changed nature of the conflicts based upon tensions which may be religious, ethnic, economic or nationalist. Many of these conflicts have been fought within the new context of global terrorist networks.

##### *Areas of Study:*

The areas of study are:

- Globalisation and internationalism
- Global conflicts

##### *Assessment:*

- Outcome 1 - Students should be able to analyse the concepts of globalisation and internationalism and evaluate their impact on the role of the state and the concept of sovereignty.
- Outcome 2 - Students should be able to analyse and evaluate the nature of conflict in the post-Cold War period.

##### *Assessment Break-Down:*

For each outcome students may select one or more of the following formats:

- a multimedia presentation;
- a case study;
- an essay;
- a report;
- a test;
- structured questions;
- short-answer questions;
- an extended response.

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#### Unit 4 International Studies – International Relations

While internationalism and globalisation have had a significant impact on the Asia-Pacific region, this unit focuses primarily on the interactions between states which remain the dominant form of political organisation. The unit begins with a study of the concepts of national interest and power and the way states use power in the Asia-Pacific region. Australia's position in the region, and the world, and the way in which it has asserted its national interest is then investigated.

#### *Areas of Study:*

The areas of study are:

- Power in the Asia-Pacific region
- Australian foreign policy

#### *Assessment:*

- Outcome 1 - Students should be able to analyse and evaluate types and forms of power used by states and groups in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Outcome 2 - Students should be able to analyse those factors that have influenced Australia in its definition and pursuit of national interest, and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies and policies adopted.

#### *Assessment Break-Down:*

For each outcome students may select one or more of the following formats:

- a multimedia presentation;
- a case study;
- an essay;
- a report;
- a test;
- structured questions;
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#### Graded Assessment

- Unit 3 School-Assessed Coursework: 25%
- Unit 4 School-Assessed Coursework: 25%
- Units 3 and 4 End-of-year Examination: 50%

#### Other Information

- International Studies does NOT have a mid-year Exam, but a Practice Exam is held during the third week of the July term break. Other practice exams are also held during Semester Two. It is important that students take every opportunity to ready themselves for the final examination.

#### Entry – Units 3 and 4

There are no entry requirements for students to get into Unit 3 International Studies. However, it is preferable if students complete one or both of Unit 1 and 2 International Politics prior to attempting to complete the Unit 3 and 4 progression. Students must complete Unit 3 before completing Unit 4.