What is Global Politics all about?

Global Politics introduces students to an understanding of international studies by considering key concepts and ideas including representation, citizenship, power and democracy. It focuses on ethical issues and debates involving international treaties and responses. Students analyse political power and global actors. Consideration is given to mechanisms that legitimize the exercise of political power and the ways in which this legitimacy can be undermined.

Students consider the ideologies that underpin political structures and interactions, and the ways in which ideologies affect the exercise of political power. Students also consider the nature and context of leadership and globalisation.

Areas of Study:

Unit 1:
- Power and ideas
- Political actors and power

Unit 3:
- Global actors
- Power in the Asia Pacific Region

Unit 2:
- Global links
- Global cooperation and conflict

Unit 4:
- Ethical issues and debates
- Global Crises

Type of Assessments in this subject:

- Essays
- Tests
- Short answer questions
- Extended responses
- Presentations
- Case Studies
- Reports
- Examination

Key Skills developed through this area are:

- Analysis
- Raises awareness of international issues
- Critical thinking

Possible Occupations that could relate to this study include:

Diplomat, Lawyer, Journalist, Hospitality Manager, Teacher, Translator, Politician, Marketing Officer, Economist, Police Officer, Defence Force, Public Relations Officer, Trade Union Officer, Travel Consultant, Foreign Affairs Officer

Additional Information:

No prior expertise is required to undertake this subject. It is not an in-depth exploration of Australian Politics. There is more emphasis on Globalisation than politics. Internet research skills are extremely valuable.

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