

SOCIETY AND CULTURE



WHAT IS SOCIETY AND CULTURE?

Society and Culture is the study of human behaviour

How we operate as individuals, how we function in groups, in Australia and in other cultures.

Society and Culture is a learning experience which allows for the integration of the student's personal experience with the public knowledge available through all kinds of research.

People skills

Communication Skills
Learning about yourself
Learning Research Skills
Learning about other Cultures

PRELIMINARY COURSE – YEAR 11

Social and Cultural World

An introduction to interactions within and between societies and cultures, concepts and research methodologies.

Personal and Social Identity

Learning about the behaviour of individuals and groups

Intercultural Communication

Learning about your own cultural identity, other cultures and how to improve communication between cultures

HSC COURSE - YEAR 12

Social and Cultural Continuity and Change

The Study of how and why change occurs, and why sometimes it doesn't. This knowledge is applied to a specific country.

Personal Interest Project

You choose a topic that you are passionate about, then research and write up what you have learnt. This is enormously beneficial in future study, in work, and in understanding the human interactions, attitudes and relationships that emerge during the research process.

Depth Studies

2 can be chosen from the following:

- **Popular Culture:**
The study of the amazing variety of interest that fill up our lives. Why are some films so inspiring? Why is music so moving?
- **Belief Systems:**
Understanding the contrasting ways people make sense of their world: from Buddhism to Feminism...and beyond.
- **Social Inclusion and Exclusion:**
Becoming aware of how societies include and exclude individuals and groups and what the impact of this is. Students examine Australia and then focus on a specific group in one country
- **Social Conformity and Non-conformity:**
This topic examines how dynamics in society can affect the attitudes and behaviours of individuals and groups. Factors influencing group dynamics in society are studied and how they contribute to conformity and non-conformity

WHAT DOES SOCIETY AND CULTURE ACHIEVE?

The knowledge and skills that are typically demonstrated by those who have completed the course are listed below.

Students:

- Are self aware, with a sense of personal, social and cultural identity
- Show concern for the welfare, rights and dignity of all people
- Understand continuity and change and the implications for our future
- Communicate effectively
- Show critical discernment towards the media
- Research effectively and ethically
- Empathise with people of different societies and cultures

- Are capable of informed decision making and of taking action on social issues
- Look the notion of 'us' and 'them'

WHAT SOCIETY AND CULTURE MEANS TO ME..

Vivecca McGhie

Science (communication) at University of NSW

"The university degree I am completing stresses the importance of communication, and after completing the Personal Interest Project, you have the skills to communicate your way through anything. I would recommend Society and Culture to anyone who has an interest in understanding human behaviour and wants to open their minds to the world around them."

Catherine Zahra

Communication/Law at University of Technology Sydney

"The HSC Society and Culture course is a must for all students who are passionate about social reform and want to enhance their research and communication skills. The perspective and appreciation you gain on local, national and international issues finds applications in all parts of every day life, work and leisure."

We investigate aspects of society at the micro, meso and macro levels.

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