Australian and International Politics

Course length: Full year
Credit value: 20 credits

Advice to students
Politics is the study of power at all levels of society. By analysing power and political systems, students can recognise potential sources of empowerment and become informed, active citizens that participate in the political process influencing national and international affairs.

Course overview
Australian Politics
Students study all four of the following topics:
- The Australian constitution and federalism
- Political representation, parliament, and the executive
- Voting and elections
- Political parties.

International Politics
Students study the following topics:
- The United States of America and world affairs. Super power to Global Hegemon.
- The impact of 9/11 attack on the World Trade Centre
- U.S. foreign policies and Australian-US relations.

Assessment
School-based assessment
- Folio 30%
- Sources analysis 20%
- Investigation 20%

External assessment
- Examination (2 hours) 30%

Pathways
Australian and International Politics provides useful background to a range of further studies including Arts/Humanities, Social Sciences and law courses at tertiary level.