WORLD POLITICS
1Unit HSC Board Endorsed Course
Department of Government and International Relations

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Who is the course for?
Capable and interested students going into Year 11 or Year 12 in 2017.

How will it contribute to a student’s HSC?
As a Board Endorsed and University Developed course it will count as 1 Unit towards the 22 Units required for the award of a HSC but does not contribute to ATAR.

Will students get any recognition from the university for this course?
Successful students will be granted 6 credit points for any future study at Sydney University but the course does not provide advanced enrolment in the university.

When and where will the course be run?
January 2017 at the University of Sydney. It is an intensive course run over a two week period.

Who will teach the course?
Staff from the Department of Government and International Relations.

For specific inquiries, please contact Dr David Smith at david.smith@sydney.edu.au

Course description
From terrorism to trade and from climate change to war, world politics affects us all. The HSC World Politics course taught by the University of Sydney aims to give students a deep understanding of global events by exploring the major political forces at work in the world and how they shape the decisions of governments and their leaders. We examine the classic and contemporary debates about how the world works, including questions about whether war is natural and inevitable, whether there is any more to international politics than just power, and whether governments and citizens can hope to rectify long-standing problems of injustice and deprivation. This course will teach students how to think critically about the actions of governments and other powerful decision-makers, and how to absorb current events into a broader understanding of the workings of world politics.

In the words of a former student:
“It fulfilled my expectations by a mile. It was fascinating, in-depth, analytical and extremely interesting.”

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