



**IONA**  
PRESENTATION COLLEGE

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# Humanities and Social Sciences



## LEARNING AREA SUMMARY

Humanities and Social Sciences is a dynamic learning area, which develops students' understanding of how individuals and groups live together and interact with their environment.

It aims to provide students with appropriate knowledge, skills and values in order to understand and participate effectively in rapidly changing local, national and global societies and environments.

The Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Area encourages students to:

- Actively explore, make sense of and contribute to improving the world around them;
- Learn about society, human relationships, and people in communities, groups and as individuals;
- Investigate how people view the past, experience the present and shape the future;
- Develop a respect for cultural heritage and a commitment to social justice, the democratic process and ecological sustainability;
- Make reasoned and informed decisions as citizens of a diverse, democratic society in an increasingly interdependent world.

Year Group and Term Activities/Topics The Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Area consists of core (compulsory) subjects and elective (non-compulsory) subjects. These are detailed in the table below:

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CORE (COMPULSORY) SUBJECTS</b>	<b>ELECTIVE (NON-COMPULSORY) SUBJECTS</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Year 7 Humanities and Social Science (HASS)	No elective subjects in Year 7
<b>Year 8</b>	Year 8 Humanities and Social Science (HASS)	Year 8 Business Enterprise and Technology (BEAT)
<b>Year 9</b>	Year 9 Humanities and Social Science (HASS)	Year 9 Business Enterprise and Technology (BEAT)
<b>Year 10</b>	Year 10 Humanities and Social Science (HASS)	Year 10 Small Business Management
<b>Year 11</b>	No compulsory subjects in Year 11	Accounting and Finance ATAR Units 1 & 2 Business Management and Enterprise GENERAL Units 1 & 2 Geography ATAR Units 1 & 2 Modern History ATAR Units 1 & 2 Politics and Law ATAR Units 1 & 2
<b>Year 12</b>	No compulsory subjects in Year 12	Accounting and Finance ATAR Units 3 & 4 Business Management and Enterprise GENERAL Units 3 & 4 Geography ATAR Units 3 & 4 Modern History ATAR Units 3 & 4 Politics and Law ATAR Units 3 & 4

## **YEAR 7**

### **Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)**

Students will cover the following units from the Western Australian Curriculum:

- Civics and Citizenship (Designing our political and legal system)
- Economics and Business (Producing and consuming)
- Geography (Water in the world / Place and liveability)
- History (The Ancient World: Rome)

## **YEAR 8**

### **Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)**

Students will cover the following units from the Western Australian Curriculum:

- Civics and Citizenship (Democracy and law in action)
- Economics and Business (Participation and influences in the marketplace)
- Geography (Landforms and landscapes / Changing nations)
- History (The Ancient World to the Modern World: Investigating Medieval Europe and the Black Death)

### **Business Enterprise and Technology (BEAT)**

- Communications and marketing
- Personal finance and budgeting
- Business ethics and management

## **YEAR 9**

### **Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)**

Students will cover the following units from the Western Australian Curriculum:

- Civics and Citizenship (Our Democratic Rights)
- Economics and Business (Australia and the Global Economy)
- Geography (Biomes and Food Security / Geographies of Interconnections)
- History (The Making of the Modern World: Industrial Revolution and World War One)

### **Business Enterprise and Technology (BEAT)**

- Media and business communication
- Advertising and marketing
- Creative input and entrepreneurship

## **YEAR 10**

### **Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)**

Students will cover the following units from the Western Australian Curriculum:

- Civics and Citizenship (Justice at home and overseas)
- Economics and Business (Economic performance and living standards)
- Geography (Environmental change and management / Geography of human wellbeing)
- History (The Modern World and Australia: World War Two / Rights and Freedoms)

## **Small Business Management**

- Establish and operate a new business
- Identify, record, report and explain financial data
- Make business decisions
- Identify government influences

## **YEAR 11**

In Year 11, students may choose from the following courses:

### **Accounting and Finance ATAR Units 1&2**

- Accounting & Finance ATAR Unit 1 Students learn about accounting for business. Students apply their understanding of financial principles, systems and institutions to manage financial information and make decisions in a variety of small service business.
- Accounting & Finance ATAR Unit 2 Students learn about accounting in practice. Students apply financial systems and principles to the operation of small businesses. Students prepare and analyse financial reports for a variety of business organizations, including budgets, and become familiar with the main aspects of electronic processing of financial data.

### **Business Management and Enterprise GENERAL Units 1 & 2**

- Business Management and Enterprise GENERAL Unit 1: The focus of this unit is on establishing a small business in Australia. Opportunities are provided to explore business start-ups and to recognise the factors that contribute to business success. Entrepreneurship and innovative thinking are introduced, generating ideas and proposals that may be suitable for business ventures. These proposals are then developed into a business plan.
- Business Management and Enterprise GENERAL Unit 2: The focus of this unit is on operating a small business in Australia. The unit is suited to the running of a small business in the school or local environment, or to the use of business simulations. The concepts of innovation, marketing and competitive advantage and the key factors that influence consumer decision making are introduced. Legal aspects of running a small business, including rights and responsibilities of employer and employee, are investigated.

### **Geography ATAR Units 1&2**

- Geography ATAR Unit 1 Students explore various natural hazards, their impact on standards of living, and the active search for proposed solutions.
- Geography ATAR Unit 2 Students will compare settlement patterns, standards of living and resource use in Australia to those of a less developed country.

### **Modern History ATAR Units 1&2**

- Modern History ATAR Unit 1: Students will explore the history of the United States from World War One to World War Two, including the Jazz Age / Roaring Twenties, the Ku Klux Klan and racial segregation, Prohibition, the Depression, Roosevelt's presidency and the bombing of Pearl Harbour.
- Modern History ATAR Unit 2 This unit focuses on Nazi Germany. It includes a detailed study of the life of Hitler, the rise of the Nazi Party, the Second World War, the concentration camps and the Holocaust.

### **Politics and Law ATAR Units 1&2**

- Politics and Law ATAR Unit 1 This unit introduces students to the principles, structures and processes of political and legal systems. Students will learn about law making in Parliament and the courts.
- Politics and Law ATAR Unit 2 This unit explores how well our political and legal systems work. What are their strong points, their faults and flaws, and how can they be made more effective?

### **YEAR 12**

In Year 12, students may choose from the following courses:

### **Accounting and Finance ATAR Units 3 & 4**

- Accounting & Finance ATAR Unit 3 Students learn about Australian public companies, and how they are regulated by the Corporations Act. The financing options of larger businesses are identified and evaluated, and reports are analysed in relation to business position and performance.
- Accounting & Finance ATAR Unit 4 Students learn about Australian companies operating in a global setting. Students learn about the role of international financial markets and standards and critically discuss their impact on an organisation.

### **Business Management and Enterprise GENERAL Units 3 & 4**

- Business Management and Enterprise GENERAL Unit 3: The focus of this unit is on success in business at a national level. It explores what it takes to be successful beyond the initial start-up stage. Students investigate the features of successful marketing campaigns and report on how businesses succeed and prosper through methods, such as expansion in products, market share or diversification. The unit explores how the marketing plan contributes to the overall business plan.
- Business Management and Enterprise GENERAL Unit 4: The focus of this unit is on business growth and the challenges faced by businesses expanding at a national level. The unit explores issues in the business environment, including the importance of intellectual property in protecting business ideas. The unit addresses the significance of employee motivation and the development of a business plan in the overall success of expansion.

### **Geography ATAR Units 3 & 4**

- Geography ATAR Unit 3: Students will examine city planning by comparing Perth with a selected 'megacity'. They will also explore the challenges in designing cities to be more productive, vibrant and sustainable.
- Geography ATAR Unit 4: Students will examine the human response to climate change and how it is affected by social, economic and political considerations.

### **Modern History ATAR Units 3 & 4**

- Modern History ATAR Unit 3: The focus of this unit is communism and the Russian Revolution. Students will examine the causes, events and consequences of the Russian Revolution.
- Modern History ATAR Unit 4: In this unit students will examine Australian engagement with Asia from 1945 to 2001. This was a major time of challenge, change and growth in Australia, which few Australians study in detail.

### **Politics and Law ATAR Units 3 & 4**

- Politics and Law ATAR Unit 3: This unit focuses in detail on the role of political and legal institutions, and the power that they have to change and shape society. Students will examine political parties, the High Court and the Australian Constitution.
- Politics and Law ATAR Unit 4: Students critically examine how accountability operates in our political and legal system. Human rights will be examined as well as the extent to which other countries uphold or undermine democratic values.

## EXTRA INFORMATION

Courses in the Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Area teach a wide range of skills and can lead to many interesting and fulfilling careers.

Students in Humanities and Social Sciences courses develop skills such as reasoning, logical thinking, interpretation and rational argument. They learn to be up-to-date with current affairs, to be socially aware, to think critically and to make informed judgments.

The Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Area also allows students to develop economic and financial literacy, understand the physical and commercial world, interpret the past, and develop a sense of political, legal, social and cultural awareness.

Humanities and Social Sciences courses can lead to careers as varied as business, finance, accounting, law, education, government, tourism, town planning, agriculture, mining, environmental science, overseas aid programs, foreign affairs, journalism, the arts, community development and political advocacy.

Further information is provided under the headings below:

- **Accounting and Finance:** Skills in accounting are useful for careers in business, finance, accounting, law, education and government.
- **Business Management and Enterprise** Knowledge of business management is useful for careers in entrepreneurship, small business, finance, accounting, law, education and government.
- **Geography** The skills learned in the Geography course are useful in careers associated with government, tourism, town planning, agriculture, mining, environmental planning, teaching, overseas aid programs, foreign affairs and trade.
- **Modern History** The skills acquired in History will prepare students for careers in law, humanities, journalism, politics, business, government, education, industry, tourism, media and the arts.
- **Politics and Law** The study of Politics and Law can be a valuable background to careers such as law, public administration, business, community development, teaching, political advocacy, journalism, government and commerce.