



General Studies

One year A level.

This specification allows learners to gain a greater perspective and a clearer understanding of the world they live in. General Studies is an excellent complement to all other A Level examinations, producing a more rounded, balanced world view on the part of the learner. The syllabus is quite wide and comprises four units for the full A Level:

- social domain;
- culture, arts and humanities;
- science, maths and technology; and
- thinking and analytical skills.

This is a new specification (OCR) and is excellent preparation for students wishing to progress to degree level study of any subject by encouraging learners to think more broadly about world events and their place within them.

Requirements:

General Studies is taken in the second year of an A Level programme.

This subject will focus on:

- a series of lectures developed by experts in their field, with lectures given by outside speakers;
- interactive lectures to develop conceptual thinking; and
- a method of teaching that will introduce you to new ways of learning and develop higher order skills required for university.

What can you expect to do?

Lessons will be weekly and seminar based. There will be a variety of subject specific lectures throughout the year.

Method of assessment:

The full A Level consists of 4 units. All units are assessed by examination.

What can General Studies offer you?

General Studies is not just a way of filling your A Level programme. The course is demanding but will suit all types of learner. The structure of the course and topics covered are diverse and challenging so will be of real value to students who wish to go to a top university or wish to go into a competitive employment market. A large number of universities accept General Studies as an A Level equal to other A Level subjects. For very popular, oversubscribed courses, General Studies may be used in order to discriminate between students with the standard package of three A Levels.

Student Success at Havering Sixth Form College:

The pass rates for General Studies A Level at the College are above national average for this subject.

Jack Lemon (ex Abbs Cross) and Robert Bass (ex Hall Mead) both achieved an incredible 100% in a General Studies module in 2010. Jack plans to go to Warwick University to study History and Politics, whilst Robert hopes to go to Durham to study Mathematics.