

International Relations and Politics - for students who are 16-17 years old

Course introduction

Course objectives

- To introduce the academic study of international relations
- To appreciate the integration of economics, history and political science
- To gain an appreciation of contemporary subject matter
- To understand how to implement theoretical knowledge and practical tools

Each topic will include a mixture of didactic or learning-assisted content (video, text, powerpoint) and self-directed learning activities to complete.

Topic titles

1. Global politics, the emergence of modern international relations.
2. International relations theories.
3. Nation-states vs. globalisation.
4. Global governance, regionalism, world order (types of powers, multi-polarity).

Independent project work

This piece of work will combine all of the content covered in the course. Information covered during independent study, webinars and tutorials has been designed to help students achieve solid theoretical background knowledge coupled with data analysis and presentation skills.

As students work through this course, they will put together a Mental Map. Simply put, a mental (mind) map is a diagram used to visually organize information. A mental map is hierarchical and shows relationships among pieces of the whole. It allows explanation of a complex, multi-dimensional topic to people you want to persuade, or who might be interested in it. It will allow students to draw together everything they learn on the course in practice, and develop and then articulate their own position on a complex topic of their choosing.