



ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS & SOCIETIES

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS & SOCIETIES?

Environmental Systems and Societies is a subject that encapsulates aspects of Biology, Geography, Philosophy, Government, Politics and Economics. This combination makes it one of the most relevant courses that the IB offer, and therefore one that should be taken seriously as you grow in your understanding of your place in and influence on the world around you.

In the words of the Lorax (Dr Zeus): "UNLESS someone like you...cares a whole awful lot...nothing is going to get better... It's not"

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

The course will cover various areas, ranging from the basic Biology and Geography of our planet to how human activity is having a massive impact on the Earth's ecological balance. It will challenge your views on the value of the environment, look at how organisms coexist and interact in the environments they live in, examine biodiversity and its importance for the planet's survival, and examine ways we can conserve these precious resources.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is by two written examination papers and an internal assessment. The latter is an individual investigation of a research question that has its foundations in the environment and society and makes up 25% of the total marks.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

Because Environmental Systems and Societies is an interdisciplinary subject, the pupil will develop a whole range of skills. You will develop skills for analysis of data and literature information, promotion of cultural awareness, an understanding of how technology influences the environment, and an appreciation of how important governance and international relationships are to the survival of the planet.

WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

Environmental Systems and Societies will provide pupils with an understanding of the interrelationships between environmental systems and societies; one that enables them to adopt a holistic personal response to the wide range of pressing environmental issues that are emerging from day to day.

