

Social Studies Option

Yr 9 – Yr 11



A young woman with long dark hair and a young man wearing a black hat are shown from the chest up. They are both looking upwards and to the right, with their index fingers pointing to their chins in a thinking pose. Above them is a large, hand-drawn thought bubble with several smaller circles leading to it. The background is a solid light gray.

What is Social Studies?

- It's the study of the society we live in....
- The study of people, their behaviour and the world we live in.

Why Choose Social Studies?

- To understand society;
- To understand and explain:
 - the world we live in and
 - how what's happening around us affects us
- To understand ourselves



Here are all the amazing ways learning Social Studies benefits students and society together:

- Citizen Responsibilities And Values
- Cultural Understanding
- Economic Education
- Critical Thinking
- Real-World Understanding
- Political Skills



Social Studies as an option subject

4 lessons a week

Small groups

Will prepare the students for the Social Studies SEC O-level

30% of which will be based on continuous class based assessments

70% of which will be a final written exam

At the end of the 3 year programme –

- Students demonstrate knowledge and understanding of contemporary social issues with particular reference to Maltese society
- comprehend how societies bond through interaction taking place between social institutions and members of a society
- evaluate social studies concepts, ideas, and principles as outlined in the syllabus and their application in everyday life
- interpret data, both textual and graphical by presenting logical arguments with the use of appropriate terminology
- acquire a deeper understanding of issues within a multicultural society.
- *SEC syllabus

Some
topics
discussed
during
option
lessons

Social groups

Crime and Deviance

Social institutions

Mass media

Work and the Economy

Social Control

Some more
topics
discussed
during
option
lessons

Politics

Sustainable development

Globalisation

Gender issues

Population

Social stratification



- ▶ Social Studies teaches you how to become a responsible citizen.
- ▶ It also helps in increasing a great number of skills like:
 - verbal communication
 - being able to work in a group
 - critical and analytical thinking
 - decision making
 - writing skills.

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○ Some careers
which
benefit from
a background
in Social
Studies

- Social workers
- Psychologists
- Lawyers
- Counsellors
- Teachers
- Kindergarten assistants
- Caring professions
- Journalists
- Those working within the tourism sector
- Policemen/policewomen
- Public Relations Officers
- Sales persons