

# *Modern History T*

## **Rationale**

'Modern History T' enhances students' curiosity and imagination and their appreciation of larger themes, individuals, movements, events and ideas that have shaped the contemporary world. The themes that run through the units include: local, national and global conflicts and their resolution; the rise of nationalism and its consequences; the decline of imperialism and the process of decolonization; the continuing struggle for the recognition of human rights; the transformation of social and economic life; the regional shifts in power and the rise of Asia; and the changing nature and influence of ideologies.' [i]

## **Curriculum**

At ISS students take the Australian Curriculum Modern History T. The prerequisite for this course is an understanding of nineteenth and twentieth century history although students who have not studied History before may still be able to undertake the course. Students pose increasingly complex questions about the past and use their historical inquiry skills, analytical skills and interpretation of sources to formulate reasoned answers to those questions. The opportunities to apply these skills are sequential and cumulative so that students develop an increasingly sophisticated understanding of the different and sometimes conflicting perspectives of the past.

Students learn topics that focus on the forces that have shaped the modern world and develop a broader and deeper comprehension of the world in which they live. The Modern History T course consists of four units:

Unit 1: Understanding the Modern World

Unit 2: Change in the 20th Century

Unit 3: Modern Nations

Unit 4: The Modern World since 1945

## **Where does it lead to?**

Studying Modern History T provides students with an appreciation and understanding of the complexities associated with the changing nature of evidence, its expanding quantity, range and form; the distinctive characteristics of modern historical representation; and the skills that are required to investigate controversial issues that have a powerful contemporary resonance.

Students develop increasingly sophisticated historiographical skills and historical understanding in their analysis of significant events and close study of the nature of modern societies.<sup>[i]</sup>

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