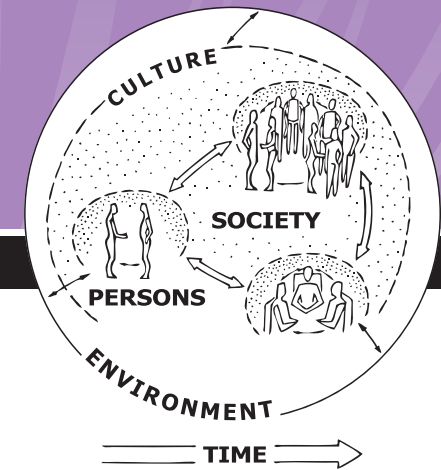


# What is Society and Culture?

# What Society and Culture means to me . . .



## Society and Culture is the study of human behaviour:

how we operate as individuals,  
how we function in groups, in Australia  
and in other cultures.

Society and Culture is a learning  
experience which allows for the  
integration of the student's personal  
experience with the public knowledge  
available through all kinds of research,  
writing and media.

## We combine the micro world with the macro world.

### Sarah Malik

Communication/Law at University of Technology, Sydney  
"Society and Culture teaches you about the world around you. It broadens your mind to take in different philosophies, cultures, religions and ways of life. It teaches you life skills that help you in any chosen career path. To that end, this course makes you a more open-minded, well-rounded individual that is sensitive to their socio-cultural environment. It has been invaluable in pursuing my career as a Journalist. Not only are these qualities highly valued by employers, but it actually makes you a better person - not many subjects can boast they do that. Society and Culture is a course that I highly recommend."

### Vivecca McGhie

Science (Communication) at University of NSW  
"The university degree I am completing stresses the importance of communication, and after completing the Personal Interest Project, you have the skills to communicate your way through anything. I would recommend Society and Culture to anyone who has an interest in understanding human nature, enjoys questioning human behaviour and wants to open their minds to the world around them."

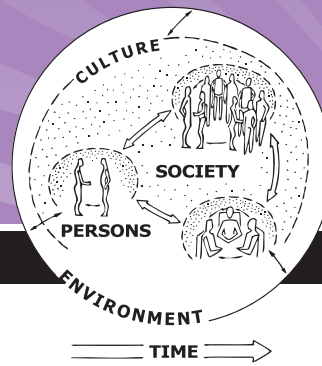
### Catherine Zahra

Communication/Law at University of Technology Sydney  
"The HSC Society and Culture course is a must for all students who are passionate about social reform and want to enhance their research and communicative skills. The perspective and appreciation you gain on local, national and international issues finds applications in all parts of every day life, work and leisure."

# Society and Culture

## Stage 6 Cross-disciplinary Social research

# Society and Culture Courses



# What does Society and Culture achieve?

## Preliminary Course

### Social and Cultural Word:

An introduction to interactions within and between societies and cultures, concepts and research methodologies.

### Personal and Social Identity:

Learning about the behaviour of individuals and groups.

### Intercultural Communication:

Learning about your own cultural identity, other cultures and how to improve communication between cultures.

## HSC Course

### Personal Interest Project (PIP):

You choose a topic that you are passionate about, then research and write up what you have learnt. This is enormously beneficial in future study, in work, and in understanding the human actions, attitudes and relationships that emerge during the research process.

### Social and Cultural Continuity and Change:

The study of how and why change occurs, and why sometimes it doesn't. This knowledge is applied to a specific country.

### Depth Studies

*2 can be chosen from the following:*

#### Popular Culture:

The study of the amazing variety of interests that fill up our lives and are our delights. Why are some films so inspiring? Why is music so moving?

#### Belief Systems:

Understanding the contrasting ways people make sense of their world: from Buddhism to Feminism.... and beyond.

#### Equality and Difference:

Why prejudice and discrimination are such a common occurrence in the world, and how to combat them!

#### Work and Leisure:

Our way of life in how we work and how we have fun is changing constantly. Why?... and where to next?

The knowledge and skills that are typically demonstrated by those who have completed the course are listed below. **Students:**

- are self aware, with a sense of personal, social and cultural identity
- show concern for the welfare, rights and dignity of all people
- understand continuity and change and the implications for our future
- communicate effectively
- show critical discernment towards the media
- research effectively and ethically
- empathise with people of different societies and cultures
- are capable of informed decision making and of taking action on social issues
- look beyond the notion of 'us' and 'them'

## People Skills

### Communication Skills

### Learning about yourself

### Learning Research Skills

### Learning about other Cultures