SAMPLE TEACHING AND LEARNING PROGRAM

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES IN ACTION
GENERAL YEAR 11
EXAMPLE 1

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Sample teaching and learning program Humanities and Social Sciences in Action

Humanities and Social Sciences skills

The teaching of the Humanities and Social Sciences skills is intrinsic throughout the course.

Questioning and researching

- construct a range of questions to investigate a specific topic or issue
- develop a coherent plan for an individual or collaborative inquiry and/or social action
- collect and record information from a range of primary and secondary sources
- select sources to sample a variety of perspectives
- use appropriate ethical protocols and scholarships throughout the research and communicating process

Analysing

- identify the reliability, bias, usefulness, and currency of primary and/or secondary sources
- analyse relationships in information and/or data
- account for different perspectives within the information gathered
- use evidence from different sources to support a point of view
- use decision-making tools to propose individual and collective action, considering environmental, social, political and/or economic factors

Evaluating

- evaluate information and use evidence to draw conclusions and develop explanations considering different perspectives
- use evidence to justify a course of action and predict the potential outcomes of the proposed action

Communicating and reflecting

- use subject-specific terminology and concepts
- use appropriate formats, either individually or in negotiation with a group to communicate findings which suit audience and purpose
- reflect on own learning to review original understandings
- reflect on why conclusions may change in the future

Sample teaching and learning program Humanities and Social Sciences in Action Semester 1 – Unit 1 – All humans have rights

Weeks	Syllabus content		Suggested activities	Suggested resources
1–2	Knowledge and understanding Overview of human rights	•	create a glossary covering the key terminology and concepts describe the reasons for the development of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, e.g. the Holocaust, the scale of destruction caused by the Second World War collect and record information in a retrieval chart on the key features and obligations of human rights declarations supported by the United Nations	United Nations – Universal Declaration of Human Rights https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights Australian Human Rights Commission – UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/un-declaration-rights-indigenous-people United Nations – Convention on the Rights of the Child https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments- mechanisms/instruments/convention-rights-child
	use subject-specific terminology and concepts			
3	 Knowledge and understanding human rights in Australia, including relevant common law and statute law the Australian Human Rights Commission international treaty membership, such as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 	•	investigate how and why relevant common and constitutional law in Australia developed over time, e.g. implied freedom of political communication, Native Title	Australian Human Rights Commission https://humanrights.gov.au/ Australian Human Rights Commission – Human Rights in Australia https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/education/human-rights-australia

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	 Humanities and Social Sciences skills construct a range of questions to investigate a specific topic or issue reflect on why conclusions may change in the future 	 construct a timeline of statute law in Australia, e.g. Age Discrimination Act 2004, Disability Discrimination Act 1992, Racial Discrimination Act 1975 describe the role of the Human Rights Commission in protecting statute and common law pertaining to human rights research and share learning on the major human rights treaties signed by Australia 	
4–5	 Knowledge and understanding examples of human rights violations in Australia and globally Humanities and Social Sciences skills reflect on own learning to review original understandings Task 1: Commentary (issued) Task 2: Response 	 research and reflect on violations of human rights in Australia, e.g. criminal responsibility below international standard of 14 years of age, disproportionate representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths in custody, gender inequality in Australia, treatment of refugees research and reflect on violations of human rights globally, e.g. more than 40 million people are victims of modern slavery, discrimination of women in Saudi Arabia, lack of press freedom in China 	Human Rights Watch – World Report 2023 https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2023
6–7	Knowledge and understanding Focus area 1: Ongoing human rights issues Students study at least one group within society and how their access to human rights has changed over time in an Australian or international context. They learn about this group's access to human rights in the past and present and predicted changes in the future.	To exemplify the course content, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples is the selected group. • investigate the political and societal impacts that caused Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' campaigns for human rights	Australian Human Rights Commission – The history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples advocating for the right to be heard https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-social-justice/history-aboriginal-and-torres-strait

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	 the treatment of the group in the past, through legislation and within society Humanities and Social Sciences skills use appropriate ethical protocols and scholarships throughout the research and communication process identify the reliability, bias, usefulness and currency of primary and/or secondary sources 	 discuss government policies and/or laws restricting human rights, e.g. protection, assimilation, the Aborigines Act 1905 (WA) explore accounts of the past experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who were members of the Stolen Generations and how these experiences influenced the human rights movement view a range of sources discussing the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in society, e.g. Deaths in Custody Report, racism suffered by individuals in Australia, Adam Goodes' experiences of racism in sport 	
8–9	 Knowledge and understanding changes to the group's human rights through the law (common and statute) and within society, and how these rights are being actioned at a local, national and/or global level actions that individuals, communities and organisations can take to improve human rights for the group Humanities and Social Sciences skills collect and record information from a range of primary and secondary sources select sources to sample a variety of perspectives use evidence from a variety of sources to support a point of view 	 investigate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups that contributed to changing Australian society, such as the Australian Aborigines League (Victoria), the Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association (AAPA) and Student Action for Aborigines collect sources showing changes in statute law, e.g. the Commonwealth right to vote 1962, the 1967 Referendum, the Native Title Act 1993 discuss how common law assisted in gaining human rights, e.g. the Mabo decision 1992, the Wik decision 1996, Love and Thoms Case 2020 account for different perspectives towards civil activism, e.g. 1946 Pilbara Strike, the 1963–64 NSW Freedom Rides, the Apology 2008, 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart 	Parliament of Australia – Commonwealth laws relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples: a quick guide

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10	 Knowledge and understanding the short- and long-term impacts of changes in access to human rights for this group Humanities and Social Sciences skills evaluate information and use evidence to draw conclusions and develop explanations, considering different perspectives use evidence to justify a course of action and predict the potential outcomes of the proposed action Task 3: Response 	 identify areas such as education, health care, housing and employment that are the focus for continued civil rights action for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and discussing why there continues to be a need for such action discuss how reconciliation is not a single significant event or change, but an ongoing process of truth-telling and healing between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other Australians, e.g. the South Australian Voice to Parliament analyse the concept of popular culture and how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples became more assertive in the development of their own arts industries and influences in sharing histories, cultures, beliefs and stories 	Closing the Gap https://www.closingthegap.gov.au/ First Languages Australia https://www.firstlanguages.org.au/ ABC — Right Wrongs https://www.abc.net.au/rightwrongs/
11–12	Knowledge and understanding Focus area 2: Contemporary human rights actions Students study at least one contemporary example of a social action/movement by an individual, a group, an organisation or a community that has contributed to promoting or fostering human rights. For the selected social action/movement students explore: • the sequence of events leading up to and during the action/movement, and the current perspectives of stakeholders • the role of key individuals and/or groups, organisations or communities involved in	 To exemplify the course content, the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement is the selected social action/movement. research the causes of the BLM movement in the USA and Australia, e.g. police misconduct and prejudice, Aboriginal deaths in custody create a timeline showing examples of the social actions taken by the BLM movement discuss how the BLM movement was adapted for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' human rights movement research key individuals in the movement, e.g. Travyon Martin, George Floyd, David Dungay Junior 	Britannica – Black Lives Matter international activist movement https://www.britannica.com/topic/Black-Lives-Matter United Nations Association of Australia – Why does the BLM movement matter in Australia? https://www.unaa.org.au/2021/11/03/why-does-the-blm-movement-matter-in-australia/ ABC – How Black Lives Matter is inspiring Aboriginal activist https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017–11 O1/how-black-lives-matter-is-inspiring-aboriginal-australians/9107314 State Library of Western Australia – Black Lives Matter: Photographs of the BLM rallies in Perth

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	organising and participating in the movement Humanities and Social Sciences skills develop a coherent plan for an individual or collaborative inquiry and/or social action use appropriate formats, either individually or in negotiation with a group, to communicate findings that suit audience and purpose Task 4: Social action investigation (issued)		in 2020 https://slwa.wa.gov.au/collections/collections/p hotographs/black-lives-matter The Conversation – Australia's news media play an important role reminding the country that Black lives still matter https://theconversation.com/australias-news- media-play-an-important-role-reminding-the- country-that-black-lives-still-matter-161412
13	 Knowledge and understanding the social and/or political changes brought about by the action/movement Humanities and Social Sciences skills select sources to sample a variety of perspectives account for different perspectives within the information gathered use evidence from a variety of sources to support a point of view use decision-making tools to propose individual and collective action, considering environmental, social, political and/or economic factors Task 1: Commentary (submitted) 	 select sources that examine social and/or political change in the USA, e.g. police reform, removal of monuments explain the perspectives of countermovements, e.g. All Lives Matter select sources that examine social and/or political change in Australia, e.g. protection of right of protest, truth telling, removal of monuments investigate tools that are building cultural competency within institutions, e.g. police cultural awareness training 	Do Something – Black Lives Matter Protests: What's Been Achieved So Far https://www.dosomething.org/us/articles/black-lives-matter-protests-whats-been-achieved-so-far Reconciliation Australia – Australian Reconciliation Barometer https://www.reconciliation.org.au/reconciliation /australian-reconciliation-barometer/
14–15	 Knowledge and understanding the effectiveness of the action/movement to create permanent, meaningful change the barriers for future progress and possible ways to overcome these barriers 	 analyse data showing the effectiveness of the BLM movement investigate examples of barriers to future progress, e.g. falling public support for the movement, institutionalised racism, barriers of access to justice 	SBS – Three years on from the Black Lives Matter marches, Indigenous deaths in custody are at a record high

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	 Humanities and Social Sciences skills analyse relationships in information and/or data evaluate information and use evidence to draw conclusions and develop explanations, considering different perspectives use evidence to justify a course of action and predict the potential outcomes of the proposed action Task 4: Social action investigation (submitted) 	 collect and share examples of enablers to truth telling, e.g. RAPs, raising cultural awareness, access to translators propose actions that can be taken at an individual level to raise awareness of the aims of the BLM movement 	indigenous-deaths-in-custody-are-at-a-record-high/ma6sjvm32 Pew Research Center – 8 facts about the Black Lives Matter https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/07/12/8-facts-about-black-lives-matter/ Reconciliation Australia – Reports https://www.reconciliation.org.au/publications/reports

Sample teaching and learning program Humanities and Social Sciences in Action Semester 2 – Unit 2 – A sense of community

Weeks Syllabus content	Suggested activities	Suggested resources
Knowledge and understanding Overview of communities key terms and concepts	 create a glossary covering the key terminology and concepts record information about characteristics and examples of different types of communities brainstorm social issues relevant to the school and local community, e.g. youth crime, mental health, homelessness, cost of living describe members' roles in a community, e.g. joining community groups, volunteering, donating, fundraising describe members' responsibilities in a community, e.g. protest within the bounds of the law, voting in elections 	Britannica – Social issue (definition) https://www.britannica.com/topic/social-issue Pluss Communities – What makes a community? Characteristics and examples of community https://www.plusscommunities.com/blog/what-makes-a-community Simplicable – 140 Examples of Social Issues https://simplicable.com/society/social-issues

Weeks	Syllabus content	Suggested activities	Suggested resources
4	 Knowledge and understanding the role of community organisations in responding to social issues; for example, local councils, non-government organisations (NGOs) and charities Humanities and Social Sciences skills analyse relationships in information and/or data Task 6: Response 	 identifying community organisations that respond to social issues, e.g. Healthy Communities Foundation Australia, Clean Up Australia, local government recreation facilities use information and data to investigate how NGOs, local councils and charities respond to social issues 	ABC – In Volunteer Week, communities embrace Facebook callouts, informal help as traditional volunteering declines https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023–05–19/informal-volunteering-increases-as-unpaid-charity-sporting-wanes/102363430
5	 Knowledge and understanding the perspectives of stakeholders in contributing to public debate and issues the role of government and/or other community organisations in managing resources and improving the liveability of a community Humanities and Social Sciences skills select sources to sample a variety of perspectives account for different perspectives within the information gathered use evidence from different sources to support a point of view 	 collect media sources showing different perspectives of community stakeholders on social issues in the community, e.g. residents, local charities, businesses, sporting organisations investigate community organisations and the ways in which they improve liveability, e.g. Containers for Change 	ABC – Karratha business community calls for government, industry investment to improve liveability https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-10-12/pilbara-community-calls-for-investment-to-strengthen-towns/100530194
6–7	Knowledge and understanding Focus area 1: Engagement with the community Students study at least one contemporary community service category related to improving communities. They explore the potential issues the service faces and how those issues are currently being addressed. Students investigate any further actions	To exemplify the course content, homelessness services is the selected service category. • identify the causes of homelessness in the community, e.g. financial pressures, abuse/neglect, lack of available housing • describe and account for trends in homelessness within a community	Uniting WA – Homelessness services in Perth https://unitingwa.org.au/services/homelessness/ Australian Institute of Health and Welfare – Homelessness and homelessness services https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/australias-welfare/homelessness-and-homelessness-services

Weeks	Syllabus content		Suggested activities	Suggested resources
	required/expected by governments, communities or other individuals that could enhance or further improve this service category. For the selected service or category students investigate: • reasons why the service is important within the community • how different groups access the service within the community Humanities and Social Sciences skills • evaluate information and use evidence to draw conclusions and develop explanations, considering different perspectives • reflect on why conclusions may change in the future	•	investigate how homelessness affects different groups in the community, e.g. people with mental illness, young people identify types of homelessness services, e.g. prevention, early intervention, crisis and post crisis assistance evaluate one element of the WA government homelessness strategy	Government of Western Australia – All Paths Lead to a Home: Western Australia's 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness 2020–2030 https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/all-paths-lead-home-western-australias-10-year-strategy-homelessness-2020-2030
8	 Knowledge and understanding how the service improves liveability within the community Humanities and Social Sciences skills select sources to sample a variety of perspectives evaluate information and use evidence to draw conclusions and develop explanations, taking into account different perspectives 	•	use evidence to describe the better life outcomes for vulnerable people because of homelessness services collect evidence of the benefits of providing homelessness services to the community	SBS – How liveable is your community? It may depend on your age and gender https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/how-liveable-is-your-community-it-may-depend-on-your-age-and-gender/wrj05952h
9–10	 Knowledge and understanding potential issues associated with providing and/or maintaining the service and actions that can be taken to improve and ensure the sustainability of the service 	•	describing the system barriers to accessing homelessness services, e.g. availability of affordable housing, government funding describe the service barriers to accessing homelessness services, cost of services to providers	ABC – Future of homelessness accommodation program left in lurch as funding yet to be renewed https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024–03–18/nsw-together-home-program-funding-homelessness-accommodation/103583680

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	 Humanities and Social Sciences skills use decision-making tools to propose individual and collective action, taking into account environmental, social, political and/or economic factors use evidence to justify a course of action and predict the potential outcomes of the proposed action Task 7: Response 	 describing the personal barriers to accessing homelessness services, e.g. lack of identification documentation propose and evaluate approaches to improve services and/or remove barriers, e.g. service integration evaluate community opposition to homelessness services in their community, e.g. NIMBYism 	ABC – As the WA government and the City of Perth bicker, dozens of vulnerable women are about to lose the roof over their heads https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-11-28/safe-night-space-political-football-as-homeless-women-pay-price/103154976 Britannica – NIMBY sociology https://www.britannica.com/topic/NIMBY
11–12	Knowledge and understanding Focus area 2: Influencing community change Students study at least one contemporary example of a community initiative by an individual, group, organisation or community that has contributed to social change. They explore the impacts this change has had on a community and how this initiative can be improved and implemented by other communities. For the selected community initiative students investigate: • the type of community initiative • how this initiative is accessed in the community Humanities and Social Sciences skills • construct a range of questions to investigate a specific topic or issue • develop a coherent plan for an individual or collaborative inquiry and/or social action	To exemplify the course content, Foodbank is the selected community initiative. outline the role of Foodbank provision of food for people suffering food insecurity funds, food and services donated to Foodbank by farmers, manufacturers, retailers and individuals caccess through provision of groceries to charities, schools and individuals use of bricks and mortar location and mobile foodbanks cooking classes focusing on cooking healthy meals on a budget plan for possible volunteering opportunities with Foodbank or similar organisations engage in social action with a food relief organisation, e.g. volunteering in school-based breakfast club prepare a low-cost meal plan for people who require food relief	Food Bank – Community Kitchen https://www.foodbank.org.au/WA/community- kitchen/?state=wa Foodbank – Foodbank Hunger Report 2023 https://reports.foodbank.org.au/foodbank- hunger-report-2023/

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	 use appropriate formats, either individually or in negotiation with a group, to communicate findings that suit audience and purpose Task 5: Commentary (submitted) 		
	Task 8: Social action investigation (issued)		
13–14	 Knowledge and understanding how individuals and stakeholders, including the media, have contributed to positive and/or negative impacts by either escalating issues or assisting with solutions for social change Humanities and Social Sciences skills use appropriate ethical protocols and scholarship throughout the research and communication process identify the reliability, bias, usefulness and currency of primary and/or secondary sources 	 evaluate a range of media coverage of food affordability challenges compare food costs from various places examine the media's use of individual stories to develop empathy and encourage active participation 	ABC – Food insecurity is estimated to have reached almost 4 million Australian homes this year https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023–10–23/food-insecurity-rising-in-australia-foodbank-hunger-report-shows/103002120 ABC – Hundreds of Australians say they skip meals, visit food banks and 'dumpster dive' as the cost of living crisis continues https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024–03–05/food-insecurity-cost-of-living/103521508 ABC – Unlocking millions of tonnes of wasted food to help those in need the aim food tax bill https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-09-29/tax-incentive-for-food-manufacturers-to-aid-donation-expenses/104399734
15	Knowledge and understanding the influence/impact of the community initiative on social change in the community how this initiative can be improved and/or adapted by a range of other communities Humanities and Social Sciences skills analyse relationships in information and/or data	 analyse the relationships in data showing food insecurity in the community and the level of service delivery by Foodbank compare Foodbank with similar community services offered across Australia evaluate government programs for food affordability used across communities, regions and/or countries over time 	The Guardian – 'Without them I'd be starving': cost-of-living crisis forcing more Australian than ever to rely on food banks https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2023/jul/15/without-them-id-be-starving-cost-of-living-crisis-forcing-more-australians-than-ever-to-rely-on-food-banks

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	 use evidence to justify a course of action and predict the potential outcomes of the proposed action reflect on own learning to review original understandings reflect on why conclusions may change in the future 		
	Task 8: Social action investigation (submitted)		