

School administrators, Heads of Learning Area – Humanities and Social Sciences and teachers of Geography ATAR Year 12 are requested to note for 2025 the following minor syllabus changes. The syllabus is labelled as 'For teaching from 2025'.

Humanities and Social Sciences | ATAR Year 12 | Summary of minor syllabus changes

The content identified by ~~strike through~~ has been deleted from the syllabus and the content identified in *italics* has been revised in the syllabus for teaching in 2025.

Unit 3: Overview

- ~~outline~~ *explain* how **two** of the following factors account for differences in land cover change between **two** countries: government policy; ideology; land ownership; type of economy; and culture
- explain **two** of the following impacts of land cover change: changes to the water cycle; soil erosion *and/or* degradation; loss of habitat and biodiversity; loss of ecosystem services; urban heat islands; the degradation of aquatic *and/or* marine environments

Unit 4 – Depth study two

- evaluate ~~one~~ **two** planning strategies used to address the challenge, using the concept of sustainability
- evaluate the extent to which ~~one~~ *two* planning strategies used to address the challenge, has or will enhance the place's liveability.

Examination design brief – Year 12

- A *planning sheet* will be provided to students by the examination supervisor. The planning sheet can be used by students, when completing calculations, mapping questions, such as cross sections *and/or* to plan extended answer questions. The planning sheet will not be collected as part of the examination booklet.