

Queen Margaret College
Year 12 Environmental Systems & Societies Programme
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Course Component	Percentage of final grade	Internal/ External	Proposed assessment date
Paper 1 – Case study analysis	25	External	November 2020
Paper 2 – Short answer questions and essay questions	50	External	November 2020
Internal Assessment	25	Internal	Term 1, 2020

Course details

The aim of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the interrelationships between the environment and societies, enabling them to adopt an informed personal response to a wide range of pressing environmental issues. The course combines the techniques and knowledge associated with experimental and social sciences. Students learn to use these skills to design, carry out and analyse an individual investigation.

The initial focus is ecosystems and field trips will develop students' understanding of terrestrial and marine environments. This leads into consideration of why biodiversity is important, how it is threatened, and how it can be conserved. Students also study how human populations use natural resources, including food and water, and whether this use is equitable and sustainable. Students are encouraged to consider their own relationship with their environment and the significance of choices and decisions that they make in their own lives.

Course Information:

- Year 12 Environmental Systems and Societies has 8 lessons per 10 day timetable
- Students are issued with a textbook for the duration of the 2 year course
- Students are issued with a Skills in Biology workbook which will be charged to their accounts
- Students will go on fieldtrips to support in class learning, and associated costs will be charged to their account
- 2019 teacher is Mr van der Poest

Homework expectations

Your daughter should be learning at home for a total of at least 15 hours per week, across all subjects.

To achieve at a high level in this subject, students are expected to complete some homework during the week. Homework might include:

- Completing any unfinished classwork.
- Completing workbook exercises.
- Going over classwork to identify any gaps in understanding which should be raised with the teacher in the following lesson.
- Revising material in preparation for examinations.
- Working on their individual investigation.