

UAE Social Studies Framework- EIS JUMEIRAH



In line with UAE national priorities and the Dubai strategic plan 2021, schools in Dubai are required to incorporate the Ministry of Education UAE Social studies curriculum standards into their curricula. The rationale for this is to provide students with in-depth knowledge, skills and understanding in history, geography and civics, which emphasize the links and relationships between diverse groups, people, science and society. Students will contribute, as responsible citizens and residents of the UAE, to the building of a cohesive society that is inclusive of all, while preserving the UAE culture, heritage and traditions.

The new learning outcomes for UAE Social Studies was issued in July 2016. In the last Academic Year, the old framework for Social Studies education (from 2015) was used to begin to map out the full curriculum. The new changes, issued in July 2016, are expected to be fully integrated in Academic Year 17/18.

HOW SOCIAL STUDIES IS TAUGHT AT EISJ

Social Studies topics are taught in a variety of courses:

In Primary, the UAE Social Studies curriculum is covered in the units of inquiry and mapped in the school program of inquiry. It is also integrated through the Arabic and Islamic curriculum.

Also, through the PSHE, in the Primary as it is offered as cultural studies lessons for non-Muslim students.

In the Secondary, the UAE Social Studies curriculum is covered as follows:

- History in Y 7-9 for all students
- Geography in Y 7-9 for all students

- Islamic Studies courses in 7-13
- Global Context Courses in Y 9 and 10
- Optional Business Studies, Economic Psychology, Geography and History courses in Y 12 and 13.
- PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Cultural Education)

- In addition, non-Social Studies disciplines such as Mathematics, English, Science and Art make references to the UAE and the region in various parts of their curriculum.
- The school's requirement for the Personal Project and Extended Essay also allow students to focus their topics on UAE or regional interests.
- Through gap analysis, we are planning on extending our current Geography and History courses in Years 10 and 11 next year to further accommodate the new Social Studies framework.
- The School hosts a Cultural Awareness Committee.
- The School actively participates and promotes National Day, Martyr's Day and Islamic New Year.
- Islamic Students run faith based projects to build awareness of Islamic faith and culture.