

AC v9.0 EP Curriculum Map

Y7-10 Civics and Citizenship



Year 7

1. Government and Democracy

Content Descriptor	EP Lessons
<p>AC9HC7K01 the key features of Australia's system of government, including democracy, the Australian Constitution, responsible government and federalism</p> <p>AC9HC7K05 how values based on freedom, respect, fairness and equality of opportunity can support social cohesion and democracy within Australian society</p> <p>AC9HC7S03 analyse information, data and ideas about political, legal or civic issues to identify and explain differences in perspectives and potential challenges</p> <p>AC9HC7S04 explain the methods or strategies related to making decisions about civic participation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Democracy in Australia• The Australian Constitution• Separation of Powers• Division of Powers• The Legislature• The Executive• The Judiciary• Ministers and the Opposition• Constitutional Referendums• The 1967 Referendum• Advantages and Disadvantages of Referendums

2. Laws and Citizens

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<p>AC9HC7K03 the key principles and features of the Australian legal system, including the Australian Constitution, the rule of law and the court system</p> <p>AC9HC7S01 develop questions to investigate Australia's political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues</p> <p>AC9HC7S04 explain the methods or strategies related to making decisions about civic participation</p> <p>AC9HC7S05 create descriptions, explanations and arguments using civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms that reference evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation of the Judicial System • The Rule of Law • Elements of a Fair Trial • Access to Justice and Legal Representation • Definitions MCQ: Laws and Citizens

3. Citizenship, Diversity and Identity

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<p>AC9HC7K04 how Australia's secular democracy and pluralist, multi faith society draws upon diverse cultural origins, including Christian and Western heritage, distinct First Nations Australian histories and cultures, and migrant communities</p> <p>AC9HC7K05 how values based on freedom, respect, fairness and equality of opportunity can support social cohesion and democracy within Australian society</p> <p>AC9HC7S01 develop questions to investigate Australia's political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues</p> <p>AC9HC7S03 analyse information, data and ideas about political, legal or civic issues to identify and explain differences in perspectives and potential challenges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia as a Secular and Multi-Faith Society • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Religions and Spiritualities • Australian Values and Human Rights • Stereotypes and Cultural Identities • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Identities • Interactions Between Australia and Asia • Expressing Culture, Identity and Religion in Australia • Definitions MCQ I: Citizenship, Diversity and Identity • Definitions MCQ II: Citizenship, Diversity and Identity

Year 8

1. Government and Democracy

Content Descriptor	EP Lessons
<p>AC9HC8K01 how Australians are informed about and participate in democracy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Democracy in Australia• Democratic Freedoms• Dissent in a Democracy• Conflicts of Rights and Freedoms• Lobby and Pressure Groups• Elected Representatives• Taking Direct Action• Opinion Polls• Case Studies in Australian Democracy (Marriage Amendment Bill 2017)• Case Studies in Australian Democracy (Offshore Detention)• Professional Participation in Democracy• Enrolment and the Australian Electoral Commission• Basic Spelling List: Government and Democracy• Advanced Spelling List: Government and Democracy• Definitions MCQ: Government and Democracy I• Definitions MCQ: Government and Democracy II• Topic Test: Government and Democracy
<p>AC9HC8K02 the role of political parties and independent representatives in Australian democracy, including elections and the formation of governments</p>	
<p>AC9HC8K05 how culture and religion may influence individuals' and groups' perceptions and expressions of citizenship and their actions as citizens</p>	
<p>AC9HC8K06 different experiences of, perspectives on and debates about Australia's national identity and citizenship, including the perspectives of First Nations Australians as owners of their respective nations, and of different migrant groups</p>	
<p>AC9HC8S01 develop questions to investigate Australia's political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues</p>	
<p>AC9HC8S02 locate, select and organise information, data and ideas from different sources</p>	
<p>AC9HC8S03 analyse information, data and ideas about political, legal or civic issues to identify and explain differences in perspectives and potential challenges</p>	
<p>AC9HC8S04 explain the methods or strategies related to making decisions about civic participation</p>	

2. Laws and Citizens

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<p>AC9HC8K03 the characteristics of laws and how laws are made in Australia through parliaments (statutory law) and through the courts (common law)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common & Statutory Law• Executive Law• Criminal & Civil Law• Indigenous Customary Law: Australia's First Law• Case Study: The Native Title Act 1993• Definitions MCQ: Laws and Citizens• Spelling List: Laws and Citizens• Topic Test: Laws and Citizens
<p>AC9HC8K04 the types of law in Australia, including criminal law and civil law, and the place of First Nations Australian customary law</p>	
<p>AC9HC8S03 analyse information, data and ideas about political, legal or civic issues to identify and explain differences in perspectives and potential challenges</p>	
<p>AC9HC8S04 explain the methods or strategies related to making decisions about civic participation</p>	
<p>AC9HC8S05 create descriptions, explanations and arguments using civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms that reference evidence</p>	

Year 9

1. Government and Democracy

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AC9HC9K01 the role of the Australian Constitution in providing the basis for Australia's federal system of government and democratic processes, including institutions, and the process for constitutional change through a referendum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Prior Knowledge: Structure of the Australian Government● Developing Government Policy● Political Choice and the Traditional Mass Media● Social Media and Political Choice● Definitions MCQ: Government and Democracy● Spelling List: Government and Democracy● Topic Test: Government and Democracy
AC9HC9K02 the legislative processes through which federal government policy is shaped, developed and implemented	
AC9HC9K06 the influence of a range of media, including social media, in shaping identity and attitudes to diversity	
AC9HC9S05 create descriptions, explanations and arguments using civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms that incorporate evidence	

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AC9HC9K03 the key features and jurisdictions of Australia's court system, and the operations of courts and tribunals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prior Knowledge: Foundations of the Judicial System• Court Hierarchy• Precedents and Developing Laws• Jurisdictions and the Roles of Courts• Research Task: The Role of a Specific Court• The Principles of Australia's Justice System• The Factors Undermining Australia's Justice System• Definitions MCQ: Laws and Citizens• Spelling List: Laws and Citizens• Topic Test: Laws and Citizens
AC9HC9K04 the role of courts, judges, lawyers and juries in trials, and the rights of the accused and the rights of victims	
AC9HC9S01 develop and modify questions to investigate Australia's political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues	
AC9HC9S02 locate, select and compare information, data and ideas from a range of sources	
AC9HC9S05 create descriptions, explanations and arguments using civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms that incorporate evidence	

Year 10

1. Government and Democracy

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<p>AC9HC10K01 the key features and values of Australia's system of government compared with at least one other democratic or non-democratic system of government in the Asia-Pacific region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key features of Australia's System of Government• Key Features of India's System of Government• Comparing Australia's and India's Systems of Government• Australia's International Responsibilities: The United Nations• Australia's International Responsibilities: Peacekeeping• Australia's International Responsibilities: Foreign Aid• Spelling List: Government and Democracy• Definitions MCQ: Government and Democracy• Topic Test: Government and Democracy
<p>AC9HC10K02 the Australian Government's role and responsibilities at a regional and global level</p>	
<p>AC9HC10K05 the challenges to and ways of sustaining a resilient democracy and a cohesive society in Australia and/or in our region or globally</p>	
<p>AC9HC10S01 develop and modify questions to investigate Australia's political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues</p>	
<p>AC9HC10S03 analyse information, data and ideas about political, legal or civic issues to identify and evaluate differences in perspectives and interpretations</p>	
<p>AC9HC10S04 evaluate the methods or strategies and outcomes related to making decisions about civic participation</p>	

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<p>AC9HC10K03 the role of the parliament and the High Court of Australia in protecting rights under the Constitution, common law, and through federal and state statute law</p> <p>AC9HC10K04 how Australia’s international legal obligations shape Australian law and government policies, including those relating to First Nations Australians, and the issues related to the application of these obligations</p> <p>AC9HC10K05 the challenges to and ways of sustaining a resilient democracy and a cohesive society in Australia and/or in our region or globally</p> <p>AC9HC10S04 evaluate the methods or strategies and outcomes related to making decisions about civic participation</p> <p>AC9HC10S05 create descriptions, explanations and arguments using civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms that incorporate evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The High Court and the Constitution• Case Study: Mabo v Queensland• International Agreements Ensuring Rights and Freedoms• International Obligations and Indigenous Policy Development• Australia's International Legal Obligations and Government Policy• Spelling List: Laws and Citizens• Definitions MCQ: Laws and Citizens• Topic Test: Laws and Citizens