

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL AS &amp; A LEVEL

# Global Perspectives and Research 9239

## Subject Introduction

Examinations 2026, 2027 and 2028

### Welcome to Global Perspectives & Research

Welcome to Cambridge International AS & A Level Global Perspectives & Research 9239. Global Perspectives & Research develops the advanced critical-thinking, research and communication skills needed to investigate contested global questions.

It is generally intended for learners aged sixteen to nineteen, although there is no formal age restriction. There are no compulsory prerequisites. However, Cambridge recommends English at a level equivalent to Cambridge IGCSE or O Level First Language English because the course requires extensive reading, research and academic writing.

This orientation follows the syllabus for examinations in **2026, 2027 and 2028**. At AS Level, you explore global issues through a process of deconstructing arguments, evaluating evidence, comparing perspectives, reconstructing reasoned positions and reflecting on your conclusions.

The **Syllabus Overview** explains the content areas and how they connect. You will develop the ability to research a focused question, evaluate evidence and communicate a reasoned perspective with clear attribution. It also identifies any options that must be agreed with your examination centre.

The **Assessment Overview** explains the required papers or components, their question formats and the skills needed to respond successfully. Examinations are available in June and November. Private candidates cannot enter because the qualification includes supervised collaborative and research components that must be authenticated through a Cambridge centre.

All essential learning resources required for this preparation course are provided within the course. **Learning Resources** explains the planned course materials, official Cambridge references and optional reading. You do not need to collect several textbooks before starting.

**About the Preparation Course** then explains the sequence from orientation and diagnostic guidance to syllabus learning, practice and examination preparation. The aim is to develop understanding and improve the quality of your responses through regular study and correction.

**Qualification pointer:** AS Level includes an examination, an essay and a team project. The A Level research report is an additional assessed component. Required research reflection belongs to those components; no separate orientation reflection task is added.

**Next:** Open **Syllabus Overview** to see the complete subject map.