

Course Title	:	International Schools in Global Context
Course Code	:	PFS2043
Department	:	International Education

Synopsis

This foundational course develops students' knowledge and understanding of different philosophical approaches to and contexts of international schools and education. It helps students to answer four key questions: What is international education? What are international schools? Who are international school students and teachers? What comparisons can be made with local or national education systems?

Students will explore issues related to globalization, intercultural education, global citizenship and international mindedness as a basis for identifying and comparing the values, interests and purposes embedded in national and international schools and systems. These constructs will be applied to make sense of the purposes of international schools and education, and of the implications for curriculum, teaching, learning and assessment. The four International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes (Primary Years, Middle Years, Diploma and Career-related) will be drawn upon to illustrate and critique international schools in global context.