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| Year 9 Civics and Citizenship Curriculum and assessment plan  [Insert school name, implementation year] |

Use this template to plan an overview or summary of the teaching, learning and assessment for a year level in the Australian Curriculum: Civics and Citizenship. For planning advice, refer to the *Planning for teaching, learning and assessment* document available on the Planning tab for each learning area at [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/aciq/version-9/learning-areas](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/aciq/version-9/learning-areas).

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| Level description | Context and cohort considerations (if applicable) |
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| In Year 9, students further develop their understanding of Australia’s federal system of government and how it enables change. Students investigate the features and jurisdictions of Australia’s court system, including its role in applying and interpreting Australian law. They also examine global connectedness and how this is shaping contemporary Australian society and global citizenship.  Inquiry questions provide a framework for developing students’ knowledge, understanding and skills. The following inquiry questions are examples only and may be used or adapted to suit local contexts:   * What are the influences that shape change in the operation of Australia's political and legal systems? * How does Australia's court system work in support of a democratic and just society? * How do citizens participate in an interconnected world? | Describe the context and cohort.  Consider the following to make informed professional decisions during the planning process:   * + relevant student data and information, e.g. achievement data   + available resources, e.g. timetabling   + school and sector priorities.   [Insert context and cohort considerations] |

**Note:** Insert/delete rows/columns, as required, to provide an overview of the teaching, learning and assessment sequence across the year level.

| Unit 1 — [Insert unit title] | Unit 2 — [Insert unit title] | Unit 3 — [Insert unit title] | Unit 4 — [Insert unit title] |
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| Duration: [Insert semester, term and/or weeks] | Duration: [Insert semester, term and/or weeks] | Duration: [Insert semester, term and/or weeks] | Duration: [Insert semester, term and/or weeks] |
| [Insert unit description and learning focus] | [Insert unit description and learning focus] | [Insert unit description and learning focus] | [Insert unit description and learning focus] |

**Note:**

Adjust the table to reflect the number of units you will offer.

Highlight the aspects of the achievement standard that will be assessed within each unit.

|  | Unit 1 | | Unit 2 | | Unit 3 | | Unit 4 | |
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|  | Assessment — [Insert assessment title] | Timing | Assessment — [Insert assessment title] | Timing | Assessment — [Insert assessment title] | Timing | Assessment — [Insert assessment title] | Timing |
| Assessment | [Insert concise description of assessment]  [Insert technique]  [Insert mode, if applicable]  [Insert conditions] | [Insert week/s or date/s] | [Insert concise description of assessment]  [Insert technique]  [Insert mode, if applicable]  [Insert conditions] | [Insert week/s or date/s] | [Insert concise description of assessment]  [Insert technique]  [Insert mode, if applicable]  [Insert conditions] | [Insert week/s or date/s] | [Insert concise description of assessment]  [Insert technique]  [Insert mode, if applicable]  [Insert conditions] | [Insert week/s or date/s] |
| Achievement standard | By the end of Year 9, students analyse the role of the Australian Constitution, the federal system of government, and the process and reasons for constitutional change. They explain policy development and legislative processes in Australia’s democracy. They identify the key features and jurisdictions of Australia’s court system and explain the role and processes of courts and tribunals. Students identify the reasons individuals and groups participate in and contribute to civic life nationally and globally. They explain the influence of the media on reflections of identity and diversity.  Students develop a range of questions and locate, select and compare information from sources to investigate political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues. They analyse information to explain perspectives and challenges related to political, legal or civic issues. Students identify and evaluate the methods or strategies related to civic participation or action. Students use civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms to develop descriptions, explanations and evidence-based arguments. | | By the end of Year 9, students analyse the role of the Australian Constitution, the federal system of government, and the process and reasons for constitutional change. They explain policy development and legislative processes in Australia’s democracy. They identify the key features and jurisdictions of Australia’s court system and explain the role and processes of courts and tribunals. Students identify the reasons individuals and groups participate in and contribute to civic life nationally and globally. They explain the influence of the media on reflections of identity and diversity.  Students develop a range of questions and locate, select and compare information from sources to investigate political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues. They analyse information to explain perspectives and challenges related to political, legal or civic issues. Students identify and evaluate the methods or strategies related to civic participation or action. Students use civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms to develop descriptions, explanations and evidence-based arguments. | | By the end of Year 9, students analyse the role of the Australian Constitution, the federal system of government, and the process and reasons for constitutional change. They explain policy development and legislative processes in Australia’s democracy. They identify the key features and jurisdictions of Australia’s court system and explain the role and processes of courts and tribunals. Students identify the reasons individuals and groups participate in and contribute to civic life nationally and globally. They explain the influence of the media on reflections of identity and diversity.  Students develop a range of questions and locate, select and compare information from sources to investigate political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues. They analyse information to explain perspectives and challenges related to political, legal or civic issues. Students identify and evaluate the methods or strategies related to civic participation or action. Students use civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms to develop descriptions, explanations and evidence-based arguments. | | By the end of Year 9, students analyse the role of the Australian Constitution, the federal system of government, and the process and reasons for constitutional change. They explain policy development and legislative processes in Australia’s democracy. They identify the key features and jurisdictions of Australia’s court system and explain the role and processes of courts and tribunals. Students identify the reasons individuals and groups participate in and contribute to civic life nationally and globally. They explain the influence of the media on reflections of identity and diversity.  Students develop a range of questions and locate, select and compare information from sources to investigate political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues. They analyse information to explain perspectives and challenges related to political, legal or civic issues. Students identify and evaluate the methods or strategies related to civic participation or action. Students use civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms to develop descriptions, explanations and evidence-based arguments. | |
| Moderation | [Insert moderation details, including when moderation will occur and how it will be conducted] | | [Insert moderation details, including when moderation will occur and how it will be conducted] | | [Insert moderation details, including when moderation will occur and how it will be conducted] | | [Insert moderation details, including when moderation will occur and how it will be conducted] | |

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| Content descriptions | Units | | | | Content descriptions | Units | | | |
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| Knowledge and understanding | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Skills | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| **Government and democracy**  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  AC9HC9K01 |  |  |  |  | **Questioning and researching**  develop and modify questions to investigate Australia’s political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues  AC9HC9S01 |  |  |  |  |
| the legislative processes through which federal government policy is shaped, developed and implemented  AC9HC9K02 |  |  |  |  | locate, select and compare information, data and ideas from a range of sources  AC9HC9S02 |  |  |  |  |
| **Laws and citizens**  **the key features and jurisdictions of Australia’s court system, and the operations of courts and tribunals**  AC9HC9K03 |  |  |  |  | **Analysis, evaluation and interpretation**  analyse information, data and ideas about political, legal or civic issues to identify and evaluate differences in perspectives and interpretations  AC9HC9S03 |  |  |  |  |
| the role of courts, judges, lawyers and juries in trials, and the rights of the accused and the rights of victims  AC9HC9K04 |  |  |  |  | **Civic participation and decision-making**  evaluate the methods or strategies related to making decisions about civic participation  AC9HC9S04 |  |  |  |  |
| **Citizenship, diversity and identity**  **how and why individuals and groups, including community, religious and cultural groups, participate in and contribute to civic life in Australia and to global citizenship**  **AC9HC9K05** |  |  |  |  | **Communicating**  **create descriptions, explanations and arguments using civics and citizenship knowledge, concepts and terms that incorporate evidence**  **AC9HC9S05** |  |  |  |  |
| the influence of a range of media, including social media, in shaping identity and attitudes to diversity  AC9HC9K06 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| General capabilities | Units | | | |  | Cross-curriculum priorities | Units | | | |
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|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Critical and creative thinking |  |  |  |  |  | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures |  |  |  |  |
| Digital literacy |  |  |  |  |  | Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia |  |  |  |  |
| Ethical understanding |  |  |  |  |  | Sustainability |  |  |  |  |
| Intercultural understanding |  |  |  |  |
| Literacy |  |  |  |  |
| Numeracy |  |  |  |  |
| Personal and social capability |  |  |  |  |

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