

## **Challenge and Change in Society, Grade 12 – University Preparation HSB 4U0**

What makes society change with time? How does society react to these changes? This course focuses on the use of social science theories, perspectives, and methodologies to investigate and explain social change, demographic shifts, globalization, and human rights issues in both a national and international context. Students will critically analyze how and why cultural, social, and behavioural patterns change over time. They will explore the ideas of social theorists and use those ideas to analyze causes of and responses to challenges such as technological change, deviance, and global inequalities. This course takes a project based approach to learning, meaning students will be provided the opportunity to formulate inquiry questions about social issues that they will work to answer over the course of a couple of weeks. Students are empowered to create meaningful and engaging projects that will be shared with a global audience.

### **Skills that will be developed include:**

- Critical thinking, Statistical Analysis, Research & Inquiry Techniques
- Writing supported opinion pieces and creating engaging presentations
- Effective use of technology (Web 2.0 tools, Apps etc.) to facilitate both student learning and the sharing of student learning

### **Projects include:**

- Presentations using various media (podcasts, videos, and traditional presentations)
- Research essays and reports that include conducting and analysing primary research

**Prerequisite:** Any University or University/College preparation course in Canadian and World Studies, English, or Social Sciences and Humanities