

How much time does the course take?

- Normally, you should expect to spend around 15 hours on this course:
 - 3 hours for the discussion sessions via Zoom,
 - up to 9 hours for the online lesson steps,
 - and at least 3 hours for the assignments.
- This will vary depending on your engagement and the assignment options you choose.
- The course was designed to be completed in one semester, so half a school year, putting in 1-2 hours a week.

How long will I have to complete the course from the day I register?

- You will have access to the online lesson steps for one year from the day you register. Normally, that's more than enough time, since the course is designed to take only a semester, putting in 1-2 hours per week.

Is this course for students who have traveled to many countries?

- It doesn't really matter whether you've traveled already or not. This course has been really eye-opening for students who have lived most of their lives in a single culture. At the same time, students who have traveled a lot or have multiple cultures already in their lives have found this course really affirming. It's a great space to think through and make sense of previous cultural experiences that may have been confusing at the time. Really the best discussions have come from classes that have a mix of students, some who are well-traveled, and some who are very locally grounded.

Does it matter what culture or country I'm from?

- You can join online from any country, so long as the time zones workout for you to attend discussion sessions on all three topics. This course was originally designed for high school students in New Zealand, and all the lessons have examples both from Australasia and from the wider world. Just know that we expect students will have enough familiarity with Western English-speaking cultures to be able to use that as a point of comparison to other cultures.

Does this course have a New Zealand focus?

- This course was originally designed for students in New Zealand, and it is structured in a way to be valuable to students from across the world. Each lesson has examples from both Australasia and the wider world.

How do I earn a certificate and badge?

- To earn the certificate and badge you'll need to complete all three components: the online lesson steps, 3 assignments, and 3 zoom sessions within one year of enrolling.

How much work is involved in the assignments?

- There are four assignments, and you'll be asked to complete three of them. Normally, each assignment takes 1-2 hours each. However, a couple of them could take longer depending on how you go about them. Assignment Two involves interviewing someone

who identifies with a culture different to yours, so that will depend on how long you spend with them. It's helpful to think ahead about who you might invite to interview. It needs to be an adult, because they'll have more life experience to draw from. Also the Assignment 4 involves creating a video or presentation of some sort, so it could take longer depending on how much creative effort you put in.

Do I have to join both the discussion sessions and the course?

- If you've joined the online course you'll automatically receive links to participate in discussion sessions during the time that you are enrolled. However, you could also register to join just the discussion sessions for free.

Can I sign up for the discussion questions in a different order?

- The discussion session topics correspond to the sequence of lessons in the online steps, so it's best to do them in order and complete the related online steps in parallel. So that's
 - 1) Identity, Culture & Values
 - 2) Humanitarian Issues
 - 3) Environmental Issues

However, we all have busy lives, and if you need to attend the discussion sessions in a different order.

What if I can't make it to one of the discussion sessions via zoom?

- You should plan on attending discussion sessions on all three topics. However, if you can't attend one of them for an unexpected and legitimate reason, discuss this with your instructor. There may be an option of completing an alternative assignment to replace one of the discussion sessions. Regardless, you'll still have to attend the other two sessions in order to earn the certificate and badge.

Can I do an alternate assignment to fit my needs and interests?

- Absolutely! The assignments are meant to be flexible, and if you'd like to adapt one to fit with another project or interest, that is really ideal. Just email the instructor with your ideas and get their feedback first.

I'm a Christ's College student in Christchurch, New Zealand. Can this count for a gold or silver bid in the Christ's College diploma?

- Christ College accepts completion of this course as a bid for either silver or gold in the Christ's College diploma. For a gold bid you'll need to do the fourth assignment which involves creating a video or presentation. Let your instructor know, if this is your plan.

Can I get a discount on the cost of the course?

- If your school is enrolling a group of 10 or more students, or if your school will give an incentive to students enrolling individually (like an award or some sort of school credit), then a school staff member can contact us to receive a discounted rate that will apply to any students from that school.

Does this course repeat material from other Worth Teaching resources?

- This course extends the ideas in some of the classroom resources offered by Worth Teaching. While some of the core principles are similar it does not repeat information, stories or activities from any other programs or resources.