

6.1 EE Suggested Timeline for Global Politics

Deadline	Task	Week
Topic & Subject Selection	Complete an initial interest task → identify <i>contemporary</i> global political issues (within your lifetime) and check they clearly involve power , institutions/actors, and impacts on people's lives. Note possible level(s) of analysis (local/national/global) and 2–3 relevant GP key concepts you might use.	1
First Meeting with Supervisor	Discuss general issue interests and possible case(s). Confirm the issue is appropriate for Global Politics (not “leftover” from another subject), and avoid double-dipping with the GP IA (engagement activity / HL extension).	2
Research Proposal	Produce a research proposal outlining: significance of the issue, preliminary research question , tentative approach (case study / comparative / discourse analysis), likely methods (media/literature review, quantitative analysis, interviews), and an initial source list showing <i>different perspectives</i> .	4
Meeting to Finalise the Research Question (+ method)	Refine and finalise a sharply focused RQ that can be answered in 4,000 words . Lock in: case selection, level(s) of analysis, key concepts/theory lens, and a realistic evidence plan (secondary-only or mixed primary/secondary).	5
First Formal Reflection Session (RPPF)	First formal reflection with supervisor: explain how you moved from broad issue → focused RQ; justify method choices; note early surprises, biases, and what you changed after preliminary reading.	6
Research Reflection Space Updated	Build an annotated bibliography and research log: track arguments, data, and <i>source value/limitations</i> (bias, perspective, reliability). Set up your citation system (APA recommended in the guide).	8

Focused Research & Evidence Collection	Deepen research: gather academic literature + high-quality reports/data; extract evidence into themed notes linked directly to RQ. If using interviews, plan questions around the RQ and record source limitations/positionality.	10
Planning the Argument (Outline)	Create a detailed outline: sections/sub-sections with “claim → evidence → analysis → evaluation” for each. Identify where you will integrate evaluation of sources/methods (not as a separate bolt-on section).	12
Interim Reflection Session (RPPF)	Interim reflection focused on: challenges (access to data, contested narratives), how your conceptual/theoretical understanding evolved, and how your argument/structure is developing.	15
Full Draft and Feedback	Submit a complete draft (aiming near 4,000 words) with: clear intro (scope/sources/line of argument), sustained analysis (not narrative), integrated source evaluation, and a conclusion that answers the RQ and notes limitations.	20
Revision Cycle (tighten to criteria)	Revise for the criteria: sharpen focus on RQ; strengthen GP terminology/concepts; increase balance by presenting conflicting views fairly; improve evaluation of evidence; ensure presentation requirements (title page items, page numbers, consistent referencing).	23–24
Final Essay Submission	Submit final revised EE (within 4,000 words ; examiner won't read beyond). Ensure required elements: title page (no name/school), contents page, intro, body, conclusion, references/bibliography.	25
Final Reflection (Viva Voce)	Final session with supervisor: discuss what you learned, key decisions, and how your thinking changed; identify what you'd do differently.	26
500-word Reflective	Finalise reflections (only the first 500 words are assessable): keep them analytical/evaluative (decision-making, skill development, responses to setbacks).	28

Statement (RPPF)		
Upload EE and RPPF to IBIS	Upload the final essay and RPPF by the school's internal deadline.	30

Note: The suggested timeline does not include exact dates, as this will depend on the school's internal deadlines.