

CONTEMPORARY WORLD ISSUES
Outreach High School 2018-2019

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Course Description

This course aims to help students grasp the complexity of the world today and be open to the diversity of the societies that make it up. It will also help students develop their critical judgment by studying problems and issues of the contemporary world, and prepare them to participate, as responsible citizens, in social debates. Students will follow a process of analysis that will enable them to identify global trends in viewpoints, interests, and power relations, and what these have to contribute to our understanding of global issues.

Topics

The course covers the following themes:

1. Population
2. Wealth
3. Tension and Conflict

Evaluation

Competencies Targeted	Evaluation Methods
Interprets a contemporary world problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Description of what is currently the case for given issues• Description of how key historical events have shaped this moment• Explanation of the different players involved and the interests they defend or assert
Takes a position on contemporary world issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploration of what solutions have been or are being used to address given issues• Evaluation of key players and their interests• Development/Defense of stance on given issues

Materials Provided

Because of the contemporary nature of this course, much of the instruction will be based on documentaries or newspaper/radio stories as they arise. A workbook will be provided to help ground your understanding and our discussion of these stories. You will need to have with you at all times:

- A notebook
- A binder or duotang to hold your work
- Handouts as they arise

Course Grade Breakdown

Class participation/discussion	20%
Notebook	30 %
Projects/Assignments	50 %

Students will write an exam at the end of term 2 that will count for 30% of term marks.

Contemporary World Issues is worth 2 credits, and has a final exam worth 30% of your final grade.