

# Contemporary Global Issues, 2021-2022

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this required social studies course, students will explore a variety of global issues to better understand major trends affecting the world today. Students will also learn about major actors that shape world events -- national governments, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations. Each student will also write a research paper in which they advocate for a specific solution to a particular aspect of a global problem.

## COURSE OUTLINE

Unit 1: The World Today - We use a variety of resources to learn about economic, environmental, political and technological trends that are affecting the world today. (25% of total grade)

Unit 2: Global Problem Solvers - We examine the methods that national governments, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations use to address global problems. (25% of total grade)

Unit 3: Research Paper - Students conduct research to produce a problem-solution paper using MLA citation. (50% of total grade)

## GRADING SCALE

93-100 A	73-76 C
90-92 A-	70-72 C-
87-89 B+	67-69 D+
83-86 B	63-66 D
80-82 B-	60-62 D-
77-79 C+	< 60 F

## LATE WORK POLICY

Late work will be accepted for half credit, except for the final draft of the research paper which is docked 5 points each day it is late.

## GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

**Be curious.** Ask questions. Follow your curiosity and see where it leads.

**Manage your time effectively.** For every hour you are in class, plan to spend 20 minutes outside of class doing work for this class. Work without distractions to maximize your productivity.

**Ask for help.** If you don't understand a concept we're studying or instructions for an assignment, ask for help.