

SOSC 201 Current Event Assignment

SOSC 201: Diversity in Society Required Assignment: Current Event Presentation

For this assignment, you will create a slideshow presentation where you summarize a current event and analyze the impact of the event and responses to the event from the perspectives of

- you,
- an organization that you are a member of (eg: school, workplace, church, parent group, social group, etc.), OR an organization that you hope one day to belong to (for example, if you are a nursing student, you could examine a hospital that you hope to work for in the future), and
- members of the larger community that the organization or group is in (for example, you might look at an event's impact on and responses from your workplace or school (organization) and the town (community) where your job or school is located.

You will conduct research into this event/organization/community and need a minimum of 5 scholarly, credible sources to support your presentation. Please note that certain aspects of the presentation must utilize research as noted below. Research might also be used to support other areas of the presentation - see notes.

Use the following [current event list \(or a topic approved by your instructor\)](#):

The Current Event Presentation is the final assessment in SOSC 201. You will complete short assignments throughout the course in preparation for this final assignment. Refer to the Blackboard course for more on this prep work.

Presentation Requirements:

Part 1: Slideshow

Using software of your choice, develop your slideshow. Options for slideshow presentation software include but are not restricted to the following: [Microsoft Powerpoint](#), [Canva](#), [Emaze](#), [Prezi](#), [Microsoft Sway](#), [Keynote](#) (Mac). These are free to use (with some restrictions) and most will require you to create a free account. These are all accessed outside the Blackboard platform.

You may use graphics (clip art, royalty-free images, graphs, tables, etc.); these can be original OR taken from research as long as you are not using copyright-protected images. The following websites have royalty-free images available for your use. • [Pexels](#) • [Pixabay](#) • [Canva](#) • [Unsplash](#)
If you want to show an existing document of some kind from the Internet, link to it and take us to that page.

Your presentation should utilize good design. This [Effective PPT Presentation](#) document may help.

Sources should have an in-text citation on the slides where you plan to discuss your source use. Be sure to cite every source.

Suggested PowerPoint/Prezi Slide Contents (use this as a guide - exact results can vary):

1 slide: Title slide with name, academic or career discipline, current event being addressed (Research might be needed to discuss the event, depending on your familiarity with it).

1 slide: Knowledge, expertise, and perspectives you hold that help illustrate your role in the organization and the larger community (e.g. as a nurse, via hospital in community). (Research might be used)

1-3 slides: Explain what assets the organization and community currently have for addressing the event? Conversely, what needs are evident? Be sure to examine needs from diverse cultural perspectives. (Support with research)

1-2 slides: How do economic, social, and environmental factors impact the event and your/your organization's/your community's/ responses to the event? (Support with research)

1-2 slides: Combine the various cultural contexts and complexities of the community into a plan for addressing the event that is culturally competent and professionally appropriate. Show awareness of biases. (Support with research)

1-2 slides: Explain how you will address the event and influence interactions given your own personal cultural biases. Discuss specific duties and responsibilities from the perspective of your specific role in the organization. (Research might be used)

1 slide: Present your plan in the form of a public statement from your organization.

Part 2: Presentation

After you have created your slideshow, you will record yourself presenting it. Your presentation should be approximately 10 minutes in length. You may [add voice over to your PPT](#), you may use [Kaltura](#), or you may use other software of your choice. You do not need to be visible, although that is an option. A voice over is all that is required.

Cite all of your sources aloud during the presentation, as not doing so is plagiarism. In a speech or presentation you would say something like: "According to Conrad and Poole....(quote)."

****Livestream students may present their slideshow during a live class period. Check with your instructor.****

Requirements:

Prepare a presentation that lasts no longer than 10 minutes and addresses the following:

- Introduce yourself/your organization and the knowledge, expertise, and perspectives that are essential for your/your organization's meaningful participation within the community. Describe the event.

- Include a brief introduction of yourself with first and last name at the start of the slideshow.
- Describe the current event you will be analyzing. (Could use research)
- Introduce yourself/your organization and the knowledge, expertise, and perspectives that showcase how you contribute to your organization and how you/your organization is a meaningful part of the larger community. (Could use research)
- Evaluate the assets and needs currently held by the organization and community to address the current event (support with research).
- Assess why the contextual factors (e.g., economic, social, and/or environmental factors) are important in understanding the event.
 - Economic factors: How did money, jobs, resources, or economic stability (or instability) play a role in the event and your response?
 - Social factors: How did relationships, culture, communication, education, or inequality affect how the event unfolded and how people reacted?
 - Environmental factors: Did the natural environment, climate, geography, or sustainability issues influence the event or how people responded to it?
- Formulate how you can (or could in the future) utilize the knowledge and skills of your academic discipline to positively contribute to building and sustaining functional communities in response to your current event topic.
- Create a response plan that fits your community by considering its culture—values, beliefs, traditions, and unique challenges.
 - What matters to this community?
 - How do culture and history shape people's views and reactions?
 - What strengths or barriers come from that culture?
 - Use this insight to make your plan realistic, respectful, and effective.
- Address how your personal cultural biases may influence interactions and may impact how you address the event.
- Conclude the presentation with a brief recap of the main points.
- Make sure to cite all sources of research used (5 required) with a verbal citation. Cite your sources aloud during the presentation, as not doing so is plagiarism. In a presentation you would say something like: "According to Conrad and Poole...(quote)."
- Presentation should be professional, culturally aware, within a 10 minute timeframe. Speech should be clear and delivery smooth.
- Slideshow must be professional, follows tips for good design, utilizes images wisely, cites sources (5) used with in-text citations, and be free of spelling and grammar errors.