



Social Studies Department Curriculum Guide

Global Studies – Honors – Grade 12

Course Description
<p>This is a rigorous, college-level course in which students will examine the individual's role in the global society and the events that shape our changing world. Topics and themes include food and population, war, the spread of disease, human rights, sustainable development, empowerment of women, poverty, ecological degradation, and migration. Utilizing case studies, assigned nonfiction readings, and research, students will examine the root causes, effects, multiple perspectives as well as attempts to resolve international conflicts by developing critical reviews, comparative analysis, and argumentative essays and presentations.</p>
Content Standards
<p>In accordance with DESE standards, each term, Grade 12 Students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions 2. Develop focused questions or problem statements and conduct inquiries 3. Organize information and data from multiple sources 4. Analyze the purpose and point of view of each source; distinguish opinion from fact 5. Evaluate the credibility, accuracy, and relevance of sources 6. Argue or explain conclusions, using valid reasoning and evidence 7. Determine next steps and take informed action, as appropriate
Leveling and Placement
<p>When determining placement in <i>Global Studies</i> competency and ability in the following areas are considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Historical analysis skills for reading and writing 2. Test preparation skills 3. Independent study 4. Class pace 5. Teacher recommendation 6. Performance in Grade 8 Civics <p>Study skills and habits recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close reading of historical primary sources with a focus on the use of historical thinking skills 2. Annotate texts, primary and secondary sources for ease of analysis 3. Make quizlets or flashcards to prepare for exams 4. Self-advocacy in seeking extra help from the teacher during office hours or during class time if unsure of assignment standards 5. Use of Grammarly or proofreading on formal written submissions



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Units	Essential Questions	Key Activities May Include:
History of Globalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What factors have increased globalization overtime? What positive and negative factors are attributed to globalization? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of primary source documents, scholarly sources, and connections between history and current events.
Economic Globalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the global economy change and remain the same from 1900 to the present? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop active reading strategies such as annotating, sourcing, contextualizing, corroborating, and close reading. Variety of writing assignments Engage in class debates and seminar style discussions Test and quizzes Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects Engage with and create a variety of media such as political cartoons, photographs, documentary films
Political Globalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why and to what extent is there a need for global governance? How do current power structures reflect global demographics? 	
Cultural Globalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have social categories, roles, and practices changed and stayed the same since 1900? 	
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the current challenges facing the developing world? What initiative has the global community taken to facilitate advancement of underdeveloped nations? 	
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have global security challenges changed or stayed the same since the end of the Cold War? 	
Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does food reflect and influence culture and identity? What's the role of human ingenuity in shaping food – past, present, and future? Why is the diversity of food important? 	
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How has technology and environmental factors affected human health since 1900? 	
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How and why has global energy production, consumption, challenges, and solutions changed over time? 	
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were the causes and effects of environmental changes from 1900 to the present? 	



Resources

- Introduction to International and Global Studies, Third Edition
 - By Shawn C. Smallman, Kimberley Brown
 - PAPERBACK ISBN: 978-1-4696-5999-2
 - Published: August 2020
- The Choices Program: The Current Issues Series
 - Brown University
 - Box 1948
 - Providence, RI 02912
- Great Decisions, 2021 Edition
 - Foreign Policy Association
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