

Global Politics & News Analysis

Overview

The purpose of this course is to encourage students to be more knowledgeable and involved in current global affairs. With fast news so common nowadays, many students do not feel the urge to pick up a newspaper or read news articles online. This course will pair students with a mentor who will aim to imbue them with a greater desire to be involved in the world today. In particular, students will focus on political concepts and the impact of current events. Finally, students will learn to make logical, comprehensive and confident arguments to enhance their debate and public speaking skills. By the end of this course, students will have participated in two mock debates in front of a panel of University professors.



Objectives

- Enhance ability to make well-reasoned arguments and communicate in an efficient manner
- Foster an interest in global current affairs
- Develop knowledge of the political systems and the impact of current events

Structure

- Create a timeline for learning based on personalised short- and long- term goals
- Learn how to read the news
 - Focus on "key takeaways"
 - Analyse news sources and understand different perspectives about global events
- Political Studies
 - Introduction to theoretical foundations
 - Realism, Liberalism, Capitalism, Relativism, Universalism, Critical theories, etc.
 - Introduction to key concepts
 - Power, Sovereignty, Human Rights, Justice, Sustainability, etc.
- Develop debate skills
 - Analysis and synthesis of data
 - Creating logical and comprehensive arguments
- Mock debates on a choice of current global affairs
 - For example:
 - How various nations handled COVID
 - Black Lives Matter and police structure

