

Henry Street High School

CWI 4U1

Canadian and World Issues: A Geographic Analysis Grade 12, University Preparation
COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the global challenges of creating a sustainable and equitable future, focusing on current issues that illustrate these changes. Students will investigate a range of topics, including cultural, economic, and geopolitical relationships, regional disparities in the ability to meet basic human needs, and protection of the natural environment. Students will use geotechnologies and skills of geographic inquiry and analysis to develop and communicate balanced opinions about the complex issues facing Canada and a world that is interdependent and constantly changing.

UNITS OF STUDY

UNIT 1: Introduction: Studying Issues

- * economic, environmental, social, and political issues
- * knowledge of world map and regions
- * detection of media bias

UNIT 2: Interdependence

- * international, national, regional, local interdependence, globalization
- * impacts of colonialism
- * population patterns and movements

UNIT 3: Challenges to Diversity

- * economic variables in Canada and worldwide
- * distribution and ownership of resources
- * disparities in economies and their impacts

UNIT 4: Sustainability of Communities

- * case study analysis of social, economic, and cultural differences
- * development of sustainable community projects

UNIT 5: Current Events Seminar

- * detailed analysis and presentation of a global issue

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

TERMWORK = 70% (assignments, class work, tests and quizzes)

- knowledge and understanding 20%
- thinking and inquiry 16%
- communication 16%
- application 18%

SUMMATIVE = 30% (final evaluation)

- final exam 15%
- independent study 15%

OTHER INFORMATION

MATERIALS: 3 ring binder, lined paper, colored pencils, pencils, pens, ruler and eraser

LATE AND MISSED ASSIGNMENTS, -according to school-wide policy outlined in the student handbook