

## GRADE 12 GLOBAL ISSUES; COURSE SYLLABUS

This course runs throughout the second semester. It is designed to connect students to the world in a meaningful, relevant, and current manner. Students will demonstrate their learning by analyzing daily news items, completing one long series of Google Slides, and completing two term projects. The course is designed to be paperless and all students are expected to have smartphones, tablets, or some meaningful way to connect to the internet. There are six computers in the class that can also be accessed. Communication with students and homes will be conducted through Google Classroom.

The course is built around discovering new content on a daily basis and analyzing it. Check out [http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/socstud/global\\_issues/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/socstud/global_issues/index.html) to access the provincial curriculum which will double as our main "text." To help shape these discussions, the curriculum stresses these areas of inquiry:

- Media
- Consumerism
- Environment
- Global Wealth and Power
- Social Justice and Human Rights
- Biotechnology
- Modern Day Slavery
- Gender and Identity

By using these themes students learn to see information and ideas as parts of diverse dialogue that can be better understood when deconstructed and reassembled. A secondary reason for using the themes is to get students to work towards their strengths and interests but also to work on areas they may not currently be interested in.

**Slides** will be updated and routinely submitted for revision.

**Projects** for each term need to cover two different topics using two different styles of presentation. Options and rubrics will be provided.

**Tracking Your Grades:** Use this little guide to track your own marks.

Assignment	Slides	Project 1	Project 2	Final
Max. Score	40	30	30	100
Your Score				

**Final Word:** Typically, the students that excel in this course are self-motivated, curious, well-traveled, inquisitive, and energetic. However, the only pre-requisite for joining this course is to be willing to put in the effort to learn about the world around us. Many

demands will be made on students to get into the habit of investigating the news and what it means. Let's have a little fun and learn many new things.