

PS 104: Contemporary Global Issues

General overview of the curriculum

Wars, revolutions, human rights, terrorism, natural and man-made disasters, international trade and economic issues impact the entire global community. This course is designed to acquaint the student with the tools and methods to analyze the historical, political, and industrial precursors leading up to these events. With this practical and theoretical foundation, students will be able to understand and engage in informed discussions about the important global issues in the coming decades.

Overview of assignments

A current event assignment will be due each week. There will also be quarterly essays, a Midterm essay, research papers, and a final exam.

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Summer Assignment

There is no summer assignment.

Expectations, policies, and tips for success

All assignments must be completed in full and on time. Late work is strongly discouraged and accepted only in the most extenuating of circumstances. Students should use the class calendar and plan ahead so that they can stay on pace with their work and not get overwhelmed. Students may submit essays days early to receive feedback and improve their writing. Students should be fully committed to the course once they begin and should plan for a challenging but fulfilling year. Students should avoid registering for the course to be with friends or “just to try it out.” The rigor of the course will nullify such impulses. Work hard and

Materials list

1. Folder
2. Loose leaf paper for homework and warmup responses
3. Pens and pencils