

Grade Level / Course Summary with Big Ideas:

This PA Standards aligned course is designed to raise student awareness of 21st Century issues that characterize our world today while analyzing the challenges facing us in a globalized society. By examining a variety of case studies throughout the world, students will explore issues including, but not limited to, world poverty, global health in developing countries, current conflicts and cooperation among nations, women’s rights, and the roles of the European Union and the United Nations in maintaining world peace and security. Upon exposure to these various issues, students will study in a collaborative setting, analyze and evaluate current solutions to these global issues, and create their own possible resolutions that could be applied to solve the various economic, social, and political issues facing the world we live in today.

Grade Level Modules (Units):

Suggested Timeline
of Weeks or # of Class Periods/Lessons

1. World geography	2 weeks
2. Economic and social globalization	2 weeks
3. Role of United Nations/European Union	3 weeks
4. Global poverty	2 weeks
5. Global health in developing countries	2 weeks
6. Women’s rights in developing countries	3 weeks
7. Current conflicts/crisis	2 weeks
8. Country Reports/Research Papers	2 weeks

Learning Activities/Modes of Formative and Summative Assessment:

- Individual/Group research projects
- Classroom Discussions
- Debates
- UN simulations
- Written assessments
- Quizzes
- Modern Issues Reports
- Country Reports
- Thematic map labeling
- Documentaries
- Research Papers
- Action plans to solve current crises

Primary Instructional Resources:

Acceptable Internet websites and articles
Documentaries
Power Points
Google Classroom
Newspapers, magazines, posters
Google Earth
PBS News Hour
Choices Program: Brown University
Al-Jazeera
Google Docs
C-Span
BBC News