

TPHS Course Profile



Current Issues

9th-12th Grades (10 Credits)

- Meets high school graduation requirement for Elective Social Science
- Meets the UC/CSU subject elective "G" requirement

General Information

Description

The purpose of the Current Issues course is to provide students the opportunity to examine some of the ongoing issues facing both the United States and the world today. The aim of the course is not so much to follow daily news reports as it is to examine both the antecedents of contemporary issues and the implications of these issues for both foreign and domestic policies and programs today.

Expectations and Goals

This course is designed as part of a comprehensive Social Science program and specifically complements all core academic requirements, especially in terms of helping meet goals established by the California Common Core Literacy Standards. This course is particularly helpful for students who are taking AP English Language and Composition, Social Justice, or Sociology.

Estimated Homework

Work is largely research and project based, with an emphasis on the incorporation of technology and multimedia. Much of this work is scheduled for in-class time. Students should not expect more than 30-minutes of homework on any given night.

This Class Is Best For...

This course is particularly helpful for students who are taking AP English Language and Composition, Social Justice, or Sociology. Additionally, the course is designed as part of an overall career/college development program for students wishing to major in such fields as journalism, law, public programs, psychology, political science, or the visual/performing arts.

Students who:

- Have a strong interest/passion current global issues
- Want to be future leaders in government, business, NGO's, media
- Possess curiosity, passion, and desire to gain a better understanding of the world around them
- Enjoy learning through inquiry, self-reflection and projects
- Are self-starters
- Read a wide variety of material for pleasure and enjoy discussing current events, issues and history.
- Have well developed communication skills.