Objectives of the Course:
The main objectives of the course are to:

- Familiarize students with the major current social, economic, political, and environmental issues currently confronted by the world.
- Familiarize students with the backgrounds and history of the major challenges currently confronting the world.

Learning Outcomes:
After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:
1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of major current issues in discussions of international politics.
2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the major actors and institutions in global politics, as they pertain to important current international issues.
3. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the power structures, biases and inequalities of the modern international system, as they pertain to important current international issues.
4. Illustrate the ability to communicate in writing and orally on issues in international relations and be able to organize the available time and cope with deadlines.
5. Report in the English language both orally and in written form at a high level of competence.
6. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
7. Illustrate the ability to continue learning in a self-directed manner and work on an academic level within the intended professional field.
8. Use libraries, bibliographical material and academic research in an efficient manner.

Course Contents:
1. The State of the World in 2010
2. Global Poverty
3. Millennium Development Goals
4. Globalization
5. Terrorism and Police States
6. War and Occupation in Iraq
7. War and Occupation in Afghanistan
8. USA: World Police
9. Global Warming and the Environment
10. Chemtrails
11. Internal Changes in the USA
12. The Economic Crisis
13. The Future: Oil Depletion and Other Issues

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**
Lectures, conferences and sessions with visiting speakers, Project work, Discussions

**Assessment Methods:**
Final Exam, Class Participation, Essays

**Required Textbooks/Reading:**

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