



Course Code HIST-382A	Course Title Contemporary World Issues	ECTS Credits 6
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites IREL-235
Type of Course Elective	Field History	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd or 4 th	Lecturer(s) Dr Craig Webster
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

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:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
George Friedman	The Next 100 Years	Anchor Books	2010	0767923057

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Paul Kennedy	Preparing for the 20 th Century	Vintage	1994	0679747052
Martin Jacques	When China Rules the World, 2 nd edition	Penguin	2012	0143118005
John Rourke	International Politics on the World Stage	McGraw Hill	2007	0073403881