World Affairs Course Outline (Advanced Course) 2021-2022

Course Description
   This course is designed to help students explore and gain an understanding of broad and ever-changing news topics of social concerns and issues. Emphasis will be placed on increasing vocabulary and in-class listening activities. Students will be given opportunities to research information related to the topic and express their opinions in pair/group discussions and short presentations throughout the course.

Learning Outcomes
• Students will show a greater understanding of current political, social and economic issues.
• Students will build vocabulary related to current events in a meaningful, relevant context and improve reading comprehension skills.
• Students will improve critical thinking skills through research and discussions.
• Students will be able to express opinions and participate in discussions about current events.
• Students will be able to answer questions and respect the opinions of others.

Course Content
   Introduction to the course
   CNN News Selection Listening Assignments (main articles)
   Wonders Around the World, Basic Listening, CNN News Digest articles
   Pair/Group discussions
   Short presentations

Grading Criteria
   Ms. Urakami's class: Tests - 30%
                                        In-class listening assignments - 30%
                                        Presentations (5) - 30%
                                        Discussion Preparation/Participation - 10%
   Mr. Faire's class: Midterm & Final Exams - 30%
                                 Quizzes - 20%
                                 Written Assignments - 20%
                                 Presentations (2) - 20%
                                 Discussion participation - 10%

Required Course Materials

   Textbook: (Ms. Urakami's class) CNN English Express - March, April, May, August, November issues

   Textbook: (Mr. Faire's class) None

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