

## **World Affairs Course Outline (Advanced Course) 2025- 2026**

### **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**

Vocabulary Tests - 30%

In-class listening assignments - 30%

Presentations (5) - 30%

Discussion Preparation/Participation - 10%

### **Required Course Materials**

Textbook: CNN English Express - February, March, May, July issues

### **Instructor**

Susan Urakami

# Senkoka World Affairs Class Outline 2025

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## **Course Content**

Introduction to the course, class content and routines.

Each lesson is structured in the same way with warm-up/geography activities, followed by researching and studying a current news article.

Articles will explore current world affairs, examining how countries, international organizations, and global communities interact through politics, economics, culture, and the environment.

## **Grading**

Vocabulary/Geography quizzes	20%
Presentation assignments (x 2)	20%
Discussion participation/effort	20%
1st Semester (mid-year) Exam	20%
2nd Semester (end-of-year) Exam	20%