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Global Studies

Global Studies is an interdisciplinary course that combines modern world history, economics, and International Relations to study transnational interaction and cultural interconnectedness. Whenever possible, the course decenters the United States, instead recognizing the nation's powerful place within a multi-polar international system. Students explore the diverse and changing impacts of globalization on people throughout the world and on the processes through which their experiences are similar and disparate. The course examines the different ways scholars and journalists conceptualize and investigate these developments, and present their interpretations. To pursue these goals, students engage with works of scholars from diverse disciplines and regions of the world. After first establishing historical and conceptual frameworks and beginning with units on power, sovereignty, and global governance, students engage with different case studies. Each major unit includes a simulation, role play, or debate which sharpens their understanding of foreign policy and develops their research, critical thinking, and public speaking skills.