Global Studies is an interdisciplinary course that combines modern world history, economics, International Relations, and legal theory to study transnational interaction and cultural interconnectedness. Whenever possible the course decenteres the United States, instead recognizing the nation’s powerful place within a multi-polar international system. After first establishing historical and conceptual frameworks and beginning with units on globalization and migration, students will engage with different case studies. Possible topics include Israeli-Palestinian relations, U.S-Russian relations, denuclearization, the War on Terrorism, climate change, and the future of the global economy. Each major unit will end with a simulation, role play or debate which will sharpen each student's understanding of foreign policy and develop their research, critical thinking, and public speaking skills. Students will also gain experience reading and writing in new formats including policy briefs, position memos, white papers, and other forms of persuasive writing.