

Name of Course: Current Issues

Instructor: Mrs. Laingen

Course Length: Semester

Class Textbook/Materials:

Textbook:

Dispatch newspaper, Upfront, Scholastic Junior magazines

Required Materials:

All students should come to class prepared everyday. You will need the following:

- a folder to keep all of your assignments in.
- a notebook to take notes from lecture and class discussion.
- your textbook is needed everyday.
- materials such as paper, pen, and pencils.
- completed assignments.

Description of Course:

Current Issues is an in-depth study of important problems facing our country and world. Domestic and foreign policy issues will be studied. Students will be informed on events of current news. Current Issues is a Special Education course offered as a social studies elective.

Grading procedures:

The school grading scale will be used in this class. There will be individual and adaptive grading based on students' needs. To earn a passing grade and credit the student must earn enough points to meet the Geneseo High School minimum 69% passing average. Classroom points are earned the following ways: homework, daily assignments, quizzes, tests, projects, and class participation. Accommodations will be made based in students Individual Educational Plan(IEP).

Missed Work/Make-up Work:

Students are responsible for seeing me about missed work. If a student knows in advance that he/she will be absent, they should get their work ahead of time. Two days are given for every missed day to complete and turn in make-up work.

Related issues and Units of Study:

Current news stories

Citizenship

Community engagement

Social justice issues including: poverty, gender equality, racism, and human rights