

**SIR WILFRID LAURIER SECONDARY SCHOOL
CANADIAN AND WORLD ISSUES (CGW4U)**

CREDITS: ONE

COURSE OUTLINE:

This course draws on geographic concepts, skills, methods, and technologies to analyse significant issues facing Canadians as citizens of an interdependent world. Students will examine the challenges of creating a sustainable and equitable future through the study of a range of topics, including economic interdependence, geopolitical conflict, disparities in the ability to meet basic human needs, and protection of the planet's life-support systems.

Strand: Geographic Foundations: Space and Systems

27 hours

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- explain the complex nature of the earth's natural and human systems;
- analyse the causes and effects of economic disparities around the world;
- demonstrate an understanding of the cultural, economic, and political aspirations of selected groups and the effects of their actions on local, national, and global issues

Strand: Human-Environment Interactions

27 hours

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- analyse selected global trends and evaluate their effects on people and environments;
- analyse geographic issues that arise from the impact of human activities on the environment;
- evaluate the protection and sustainability of the planet's life-support systems

Strand: Global Connections

28 hours

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- demonstrate an understanding of the interdependence of countries in the global economy;
- analyse instances of international cooperation and conflict and identify factors that contribute to each;
- identify the contributions made by a variety of individuals, organizations, and institutions to sustainable development strategies for the developing world, and evaluate their economic, environmental, and social impacts

Strand: Understanding and Managing Change

28 hours

Overall expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- analyse, forecast, and evaluate changes in the human use of the earth and its resources;
- evaluate the cultural, economic, and environmental impact of changing technology;
- evaluate the effectiveness of methods used by different organizations, governments, and industries to find short- and long-term solutions to geographic problems and issues.

UNITS

- 1 - Introduction to World Issues
 - 2- Sustainability & Demography
 - Population and Ecological Footprint
 - Food Disparity and Utter Poverty versus Super-consumerism
 - 3- Globalization & Development
 - Development and Exploitation
 - Universal Human Rights and Violations
 - 4- Conflict & Cooperation
 - Global Cooperation
 - Complex Crises
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EVALUATION

The final grade for each course:

- 70% of the grade will be based on assessment and evaluation conducted throughout the course.
- 30% of the grade will be based on summative evaluations administered towards the end of the course.

Guidelines for Missed Evaluations and Academic Fraud:

1. Upon missing a test or presentation, students will be required at the teacher's discretion, either to;
 - a) Complete the test or presentation immediately upon return to school; or
 - b) Make arrangements with the teacher for a make-up; or
 - c) Write the missed test Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. of that week.

Failure to complete it according to the negotiated schedule will result in a mark of zero.

Note: Certain forms of formal summative evaluations (exams, summative project presentations, etc.) are time sensitive. This means they must be completed at and within a specific time. Students must be present for these summative evaluations.

2. If an assignment is late or incomplete, a student will be provided with a second opportunity. Students who are provided with a second opportunity, **shall do so within five school days**. If no evidence is forthcoming after five days, a mark of zero will be assigned.
3. Copied, borrowed or stolen work provides no evidence of learning. Teacher will document and archive the work in question. Students may be allowed to resubmit the assignment. The teacher and administrator will define the parameters for the completion of this task.

Attendance Policy:

- You are responsible for catching up on class notes and completing any assignments for which you were absent
- Your parents are required to notify the office when you are absent
- Missed tests and presentations may be completed only when a note is provided indicating that you were sick, had a medical or legal appointment or were absent due to a family emergency
- **All missed course exams must be excused with a doctor's certificate**

General Course Information:

Textbook: Global Connections (\$80.25)
