World Issues: A Geographic Analysis (CGW4U)
Grade 12, University Preparation

Prerequisite: Any University or University/College Preparation course in Canadian and World Studies, English, or Social Sciences and Humanities

Credit Value: 1 "U" level credit

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Course Text: Baker, Barry (2011) *World Development: An Essential Text.* New Internationalist Publications Ltd.

Course Description:
This course explores many difficult challenges facing Canada and the world today: unequal access to food, water, and energy; globalization; and meeting the needs of a growing world population while ensuring the sustainability of the natural environment. Students will explore these and other world issues from environmental, social, economic, and political perspectives, while applying the concepts of geographic thinking, the geographic inquiry process, and spatial technologies to guide and support their investigations.

Course Structure:
The course is divided in to the following general units:
1.   *Introduction:* How to tackle the worlds "Wicked Problems"
2.   *Development, Inequality, and Globalization:* Understanding political and economic disparity
3.   *Population:* Causes and Consequences of Population Movement
4.   *Global Health* : A Global view of health and disease

Course Delivery:
The content of this course is delivered through: class discussion, simulations, group work, guest speakers, individual work (including homework, independent research, and assignment completion), lectures, student presentations, newspapers, television, film, and websites.

Methods of Assessment:
Students will be expected to demonstrate their mastery of the course material through a variety of skills specific to geographic inquiry including, but not limited to: mapping, graphing, diagrams, statistical analysis, research, report writing, presentations, individual assignments, and group assignments

Course Evaluation:
Marks are calculated on the following basis: Classwork   100%