

FYS 188R: The Crises of Our Times

Instructor: R.N. Wells
Mentor: Annie Lawless

Course Schedule: Tu/Th 8:30 - 10:00 Hepburn 105
Wed 1:40 - 3:10 Hepburn 12

Office Hours: Wed 3:15 - 4:30 and by appointment

Course Responsibilities:

1. Attend class regularly.
2. Participate in class discussions and presentations.
3. Stay current with the readings on the syllabus. Written questions will be passed out prior to the topic to be covered.
4. Submit written work on time.
5. Mid-semester examination – March 12.
6. Submission of research project and portfolio – May 5.
7. Abide by University regulations regarding academic honesty (*Student Handbook*).

Texts and Readings:

Global Issues: Selections from C.Q Researcher, C.Q Press, 2008.

The Global Future, 2nd ed., Thompson and Woodworth, 2008.

Davis, J.P., *Rowman and Littlefield Guide in Writing with Sources*, 3rd ed., NY, NY, 2007.

Steger, Manfred B., *Globalisms*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2002.

Wells, Robert; *Selected Readings on International Crises* (handout).

Final Grade Breakdown:

To be determined as follows:

25% – Mid-term

15% – Oral presentation on research

40% – Research project including first draft

20% – Class attendance and participation, oral reports and essays

Class Schedule:

Week 1, January 19 - 23

- Tu Jan. 20 Intro to the course and research project
- Wed Jan. 21 Research, writing and oral presentations
Explain to the students the course goals in the three above areas. Along with subject matter the course will focus on learning to develop a research paper and the presentation of the students' research orally.
- Th Jan. 22 An overview of seven topics in the course.
Pass out suggested research topics for students to review.

Week 2, January 26 – January 30

- Tu Jan. 27 Nuclear Proliferation
Readings: *Global Issues*, pp. 49-73
Wells, Nuclear Proliferation
- Wed Jan. 28 Topic: Library orientation – types of sources available in the library to support research and writing. (ODY Library)
- Th Jan. 29 Nuclear Proliferation
Readings: (cont.)
The Global Future, pp. 188-212

Week 3, February 2 - 6

- Tu Feb. 3 Terrorism
Readings: Wells, Terrorism
Global Issues, pp. 105-136
The Global Future, pp. 177-184
- Wed Feb. 4 Topic: The use of academic search databases. Location – ODY Library.
- Th Feb. 5 Terrorism
Readings: Wells (cont.)
Research essay on either nuclear proliferation or terrorism, 5 pages.
Due Feb. 12.

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Week 4, February 9 - 13

Tu Feb. 10 Pandemics – class presentations
Readings: Wells, Pandemics

Wed Feb. 11 Pandemics – class presentations
Readings: Wells (cont.)

Selection of topics for research paper due on Thursday, Feb. 19.

Th Feb. 12 Globalism
Readings: *The Global Future*, pp. 272-288
Global Issues, pp. 331-358
Wells, Readings on Globalism

Research Essays Due

Week 5, February 16 - 20

Tu Feb. 17 Globalism and the World Recession
Readings: *The Global Future*, pp. 295-319
Global Issues, pp. 387-406
Wells, Readings on Globalism (cont.) and the World Recession

Wed Feb. 18 Meet with instructor and mentor to discuss research topic selections,
1:40 - 3:10 and 3:15 - 4:30, if necessary

Th Feb. 19 The North and South in the World Economy
Readings: Wells, Rich and Poor Countries
Global Issues, pp. 167-189

Week 6, February 23 - 27

Tu Feb. 24 N/S Relationships
Readings: Wells, Rich and Poor Countries
The Global Future, pp. 98-124
Wells, Readings on North South (cont.)

Wed Feb. 25 Library Research: Begin to construct a bibliography for your topic.
(ODY Library)

Th Feb. 26 Environment
Readings: *Global Issues*, pp. 229-247
Wells, The Environment
The Global Future, pp. 347-368

Week 7, March 2 - 6

- Tu Mar. 3 Environment
Readings: *Global Issues*, pp. 197-219
Wells, *The Environment*
- Wed Mar. 4 First version of bibliography with correct citations due. Meetings with instructor or mentor to discuss first draft, 15 minutes each, 1:40 - 3:10; 3:20 - 4:30 if necessary
- Th Mar. 5 Human Rights
Readings: Wells, Human Rights
The Global Future, pp. 326-339

Week 8, March 9 - 13

- Tu Mar. 10 Human Rights
Readings: Wells, Human Rights (cont.)
- Wed Mar. 11 Topic: Developing a thesis, claims and evidence (handout)
- Th Mar. 12 **Mid-Term Exam: Readings and Lectures through March 12**

SPRING BREAK – March 14 - 22

Week 9, March 23 - 27

- Tu Mar. 24 Constructing a research paper and developing a working outline for a research paper (handouts)
- Wed Mar. 25 Preparing an oral report on your research findings and revised and annotated bibliography review (handout)
- Th Mar. 26 Meetings with students on oral reports, draft research project and annotated bibliography; 8:30 - 10:00, 10 minutes each with instructor and mentor

Week 10, March 30 - April 3

- Tu Mar. 31 Meet with students presenting research seminars on April 8 and April 9, 12:00 - 1:30
- Wed Apr. 1 Meetings with students on draft research paper, 10 minutes each, 8:30 - 10:00
- Th Apr. 2 Meetings with students on draft research paper, 10 minutes each, 8:30 - 10:00

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Week 11, April 6 - 10

Tu Apr. 7 Research Project Presentations (2)
Topics of research presentations will be posted prior to April 8. Students should review course notes on topics to be presented in class.

Wed Apr. 8 Meet with students presenting research in week 12, 1:40 - 3:10;
3:20 - 4:30 if necessary

Th Apr. 9 Research Project Presentations (2)

Week 12, April 13 - 17

Tu Apr. 14 Research Paper Presentations (2)

Wed Apr. 15 Research Paper Presentations (2)
Meet with students presenting research in week 13, 3:20 - 4:30

Th Apr. 16 Research Presentations (2)

Week 13, April 20 - 24

Tu Apr. 21 Research Paper Presentations (2)

Wed Apr. 22 Research Paper Presentation (1)
Meet with the 5 students presenting research in week 14, 3:20 - 4:30

Th Apr. 23 Research Paper Presentations (2)

Week 14, April 27 - May 1

Tu Apr. 28 Research Presentations (2)

Wed Apr. 29 Research Presentations (2)
Meet with students moving from first drafts to final drafts of research paper,
1:40 - 3:10; 3:20 - 4:30

Th Apr. 30 Wrap up and evaluation. Meetings with students on final drafts of research papers if required.

Examination Week, May 4 - 9

Tu May 5 Final research project and portfolio due at **noon**