

Current Events

Tokyo International Progressive School
Current Events Course Outline
2025-2026
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Room 21



"The only constant is change,"
Heraclitus

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

Students will learn about pressing issues in the world around them. Covering events on every continent, in fields such as human rights, politics, conflict, entertainment and beyond.

In this course students will learn the importance of staying up-to-date in a variety of fields and the impact of events in 'far off' lands on their own country.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to bring the following materials to class each day:

- ❖ Water bottle.
- ❖ Charged laptop or tablet.
- ❖ Headphones.
- ❖ Any materials for accommodations (e.g. noise-canceling earbuds).
- ❖ Work due.
- ❖ Students are to keep apprised of current events both globally and locally.

SUBJECT CLASS RULES

Students are expected to abide by the following:

- ❖ Students are allowed to drink closed drink bottles in the classroom. Water and sports drinks are preferred. Cans are not allowed in the classroom.
- ❖ Eating in the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher and permission must be asked prior to consumption.
- ❖ Students will be allowed to listen to music in class for certain activities with the teacher's permission. Songs must be instrumentals and school appropriate.
- ❖ If a student is unable to complete work by the expected due date, the grade will be a 0 on Quickschools until the work is completed. The student and the teacher will set a new due date together. If this work is not completed by the revised deadline, the 0 will be finalized in the grade book.
- ❖ If a student will require a re-do on their test, please talk with the teacher.
- ❖ When in use, laptops will remain on the desk facing the front of the class.

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EARNING YOUR GRADE

Your grade will be determined by your work in these categories:

6Ps are graded as follows

Positive/Pleasant/Polite

- Do I speak positively about myself, my peers, my teachers, and my school?
- Do I always respond positively to adult requests?
- Do I look for opportunities to help others succeed?
- Do I use good manners?
- Am I considerate of the point of view of others?
- Am I a courteous and attentive listener?
- Do I treat the environment respectfully and gently?
- Do I go out of my way to include others in the activity, especially those not part of my circle of friends?

Prepared/Punctual/Productive

- Do I bring all the required materials to class?
- Am I on time for class and ready to begin work at the bell?
- Do I participate fully in all the learning activities?
- Am I on task without a teacher's supervision?
- Do I work at a challenging level?
- Do I find ways to assist my peers in their learning?
- Am I supportive of the efforts of my peers in the classroom?
- Do I take care of my own health so I am fully engaged in learning?

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The grading scale for this course will be:

	Mark Range	Grade Points
A+	98-100	4.0
A	93-97	4.0
B+	90-92	3.5
B	85-89	3.0
C+	82-84	2.5
C	77-81	2.0
D+	74-76	1.5
D	70-73	1.0
F	69 or below	0.0

IMPORTANT DATES AND TOPICS

Please note that dates are tentative and may be changed accordingly.

Students will be assessed with quizzes, projects and tests. Current events quiz will be held bi-weekly and will focus primarily on the topic of the quarter. Students will also work on a longer project assignment involving research and writing skills. Projects will take several lessons to complete and will be scheduled at least once per semester.

Schedule	Topics	Test Date	Project Due
Quarter 1	Conflict	23rd of OCTOBER	N/A
Quarter 2	Natural World	19th of JANUARY	12th of JANUARY
Quarter 3	Entertainment	2nd of APRIL	N/A
Quarter 4	Politics	5th of JUNE	1st of JUNE

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PLAGIARISM POLICY

Students who are found guilty of plagiarism will be dealt with in the following way:

Offense	Consequence
First	Phone call to parents and the work redone and the grade reported. Preamble with parents the consequences for a second offense.
Second	Phone call to parents and the work redone and assessed, with a grade of "0" recorded P Preamble with parents consequence for third offense.
Third	phone call to parents and the work redone and assessed, and a grade of "0" recorded. Saturday School assigned by the principal. Preamble with parents the consequence for fourth offense
Fourth	Phone call to parents and the work redone and assessed, and a grade of "0" recorded 2 day home leave administered by the principal Preamble with parents expulsion on fifth offense
Fifth	Extended Home Leave