

**Warren County School District**  
**PLANNED INSTRUCTION**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Course Title:** Social Studies 7 Elective (World Investigations)

**Course Number:** 00101

**Course Prerequisites:** None

**Course Description:**

Become a world investigator! How do we know what is going on around us? How do world events affect us? Through hands on research, activities, simulations and projects, students will explore current key themes and issues affecting countries around the world.

**Suggested Grade Level:** Seventh Grade

**Length of Course:**     One Semester                       Two Semesters                       Other (Describe)

**Units of Credit:** .5 Middle Level Credit (Insert *None* if appropriate)

**PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certifications:**

CSPG 59 - Social Studies 7-12, CSPG 52 - Middle Level Social Studies Grades 7-9, CSPG 10 Grades 4-8

**Certification verified by WCSD Human Resources Department:**  Yes     No

**TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**Continue using Board approved textbook?**  Yes     No (*If yes, then complete the information below.*)

**Board Approved Textbooks, Software, Supplemental Materials:**

**Title:** No textbook – web news resources

**Publisher:** n/a

**ISBN #:** n/a

**Copyright Date:** n/a

**Date of WCSD Board Approval:** April 9, 2018

## **BOARD APPROVAL:**

**Date Written:** March 6, 2018

**Date Approved:** April 9, 2018; March 11, 2019 Revised Credit

**Implementation Date:** 2018-2019

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GIFTED REQUIREMENTS**

The teacher shall make appropriate modification to instruction and assessment based on a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

**This course has 5 specific themes that will be addressed either in order or as world/current events dictate.**

**Media Impact** (*Individuals can evaluate media messages that are constructed using particular tools, characteristics and conventions for unique purposes. Different communication methods affect how people define and act on issues.*)

**Civil Debate** (*Individuals and groups have the capacity to engage with others to impact global issues.*)

**Civil and Human Rights** (*There are challenges to civil and human rights throughout the world. Politics, economics and culture can all influence perceptions of civil and human rights.*)

**National Security and International Diplomacy** (*The political, economic and social goals of nations, international associations and non-governmental organizations may be incompatible with each other and lead to conflicts.*)

**Sustainability** (*An increasingly global society is faced with the interdependency of ecological, social, and economic systems. The functioning of these systems determines the sustainability of natural and human communities at local, regional, national and global levels.*)

#### **Assignments and Activities could include:**

- Debates,
- Essay Writing,
- Newspaper Activities,
- Problem Based Learning,
- Simulations,
- Document analysis

#### **Standards to be addressed:**

5.1.7 A	5.3.7 C
5.1.7 C	5.4.7 A
5.1.7 E	5.4.7 B
5.2.7 B	5.4.7 D

5.3.7 B

**Resources:**

Online media resources

**For standards, essential questions, content, and skills see Curriculum Map**

**ASSESSMENT**

**Portfolio Assessment:**  Yes  No

**District-Wide Common Final Examination Required:**  Yes  No

**Course Challenge Assessment (Describe):** n/a

**WRITING TEAM:** Warren County School District Teachers

**WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION**

1. Is there a required final examination?  Yes  No  
*\*Warren County School District Policy 9741 and 9744 state, "All classes in grades 9-12 shall have a final exam."*
2. Does this course issue a mark/grade for the report card?  Yes  No
3. Does this course issue a Pass/Fail mark?  Yes  No
4. Is the course mark/grade part of the GPA calculation?  Yes  No
5. Is the course eligible for Honor Roll calculation?  Yes  No
6. What is the academic weight of the course?  
 No weight/Non credit                       Standard weight                       Enhanced weight