

## CURRENT ISSUES

### ***Essential Skills***

*The priority standards consist of the following skills:*

- **Concept Understanding:** Demonstrate understanding of relevant concepts, current issues, and events.
- **Source Analysis:** Interpret and analyze primary and secondary sources relating to relevant concepts, current issues, and events.
- **Comparison:** Analyze similarities, differences, and connections between relevant concepts, current issues, and events.
- **Communication:** Demonstrate effective communication through speaking, writing, and listening.
- **Civic Engagement:** Engage in deliberative, collaborative, and civil dialogue regarding course-relevant and current issues.

### ***Course Content***

*The priority standards/skills are taught, practiced, developed, and assessed through the course content as outlined below.*

#### Political issues

Wars and conflicts, governments and governance, international organizations and NGOs, terrorism and refugees, etc.

#### Social issues

Culture, human rights, health and disease, crime and drugs, education, gender and aging, minorities ethics, etc.

#### Economic issues

Development, poverty, distribution of wealth, trade, and trade organizations, etc.

#### Environmental issues

Pollution, resources, climate threats, sustainability, etc.

