

Global Issues IDS 090: Fall 2003

Process:

For the above of course, each student will need to pick one global issue that potentially or currently affects the world in some way. The issue could be, but is not limited to, an environmental, business, military, technological or scientific nature. Examples of such global issues might be:

- The World Trade Organization
- The European Union
- The Internet
- The Greenhouse Effect
- Conflicts in the Middle East
- The Human Genome

Each student will summarize their issue in at least one paragraph and post the issue to the discussion board on a prearranged date. The schedule of these postings will be finalized after the start of term. Each student will need to have instructor approval that the chosen issue is of a global nature before it is posted. An example of the European Union as a global issue is to be found below.

‘The European Union (EU) is currently moving towards increasing in geographical size and membership. Also, the EU now has a single currency and a single European market for goods and services in place. These developments might serve to boost the future wealth and prosperity of the European economy thereby making the EURO a major rival to the dollar as the major currency of world trade’

Following the posting, other class members are expected to respond to the issue on the discussion board within the week that the issue is posted. Responses should be at least one paragraph in length and should represent the class member’s point of view on the issue. If the class member agrees with the posting, then they should say why they agree. If they do not agree with the posting, then they should say why they do not agree. Research sources should be cited if used. Responses should be threaded to the posting to which it is responding.

Course Objectives: At the end of this course the student will have:

1. Raised their awareness of a range of global issues.
2. Respectfully responded to the opinions of others.
3. Used technology to facilitate learning.

Grading:

This is a pass/fail class. Providing the student follows the instructions of the course, there should be no reason why the student should fail this class.

Summary:

Each student will need to:

1. Pick one global issue that potentially or currently affects the world in some way.
2. Summarize the issue in at least one paragraph saying why the issue potentially or currently affects the world.
3. Post the issue on the discussion board
4. Respond to other student's postings of issues (or responses to issues) weekly using a threaded discussion.