



Syllabus (2021-Fall)

Course Title	Current Issues	Course No.	10596-01
Department/ Major	HOMKA College	Credit	3
Class Time/ Classroom	Mondays: 3:30 pm ~ 4:45 pm Wednesdays: 2:00 pm ~ 3:15 pm		
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I. Course Overview

1. Course Description

This course is designed to explore contemporary issues shaping the lives of people around the world. Over the course of the semester, students will develop skills to critically analyze and discuss diverse topics including fake news, artificial intelligence, tribalism, cancel culture, etc. Various types of materials (e.g., news articles, images, podcasts, video clips) will be used to inform as well as for analysis. By the end of the semester, not only will students have sharpened their critical thinking and communication (language) skills, but they will also have gained a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the increasingly interconnected, interdependent and complex world we live in today.

*Please note that you do **NOT** need advanced English language skills to take this course. All the class lessons and activities/assignments just require your effort and critical thinking, and do **NOT** require a perfect English language ability.

2. Prerequisites

None

3. Course Format

Lecture	Discussion/Presentation	Other
20 %	70 %	10 %



4. Evaluation System

Attendance	Participation Activities	Panel Discussion	Papers	Presentation
10%	30%	10%	30%	20%

* Explanation of evaluation system:

- Attendance:** more than 9 classes absent = failure, 3 times late = 1 absence
- Participation Activities:** You are expected to take an active part in group and class discussions and assignments.
- Panel Discussion:** You are expected to participate in one panel discussion throughout the semester.
- Papers:** Two response papers (2~3 double-spaced pages each)
- Presentation:** One group presentation at the end of the semester
- Grading System:** Absolute evaluation

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II. Course Materials

Course materials will be posted on Cyber Campus.

III. Course Policies

- Be there. You will lose one point per absence. If you miss more than nine classes, you automatically fail the course.** Three times late to class equals one absence, and more than 30 minutes late is considered an absence. GLEO has very strict guidelines about missing class—excuses such as doctor's prescriptions and seminars attended will **not** be accepted. An absence will only be excused if it involves an overnight hospital stay, an official university activity, or the death of an immediate family member. Documentation is required in all such cases.
- Be prepared.** Finish all assignments before class and be ready to discuss it within a group or in the general class.
- Participate.** You will receive a full score in this category if you:
 - *Complete* all class assignments on time.
 - *Speak English* in class to the best of your ability.
 - *Share your ideas* in class and in group discussions.
 - *Show interest* in the class and have a positive attitude.
 - *Are respectful* of the instructor and other students.
 - *Stay on-task* in class.

Keep cell phone sound and vibration mode *turned off* and *phone put away* unless required by the instructor for class work.



IV. Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics & Assignments
Week 1	(9/1)	Introductions
Week 2	(9/6)	Media Bias
	(9/8)	Media Bias
Week 3	(9/13)	Issues in Society & Social Media
	(9/15)	Issues in Society & Social Media
Week 4	(9/20)	<i>Chuseok: Sept. 20 ~ 22</i>
	(9/22)	<i>Chuseok: Sept. 20 ~ 22</i>
Week 5	(9/27)	Issues in Society & Social Media Writing Review
	(9/29)	Issues in Science & Technology
Week 6	(10/4)	Issues in Science & Technology (make-up activity) <i>National Liberation Day: Oct. 4</i>
	(10/6)	Issues in Science & Technology Panel Discussion 1
Week 7	(10/11)	Issues in Science & Technology (make-up activity) Response Paper 1 Due <i>Hangul Proclamation Day: Oct. 11</i>
	(10/13)	Issues in Science & Technology
Week 8	(10/18)	Issues in Science & Technology
	(10/20)	<i>(Midterm Exam Period: Oct. 20 ~ 22)</i>



Week	Date	Topics & Assignments
Week 9	(10/25)	Panel Discussion 2
	(10/27)	Issues in Gender Politics
Week 10	(11/1)	Issues in Gender Politics
	(11/3)	Issues in Gender Politics
Week 11	(11/8)	Issues in Gender Politics
	(11/10)	Issues in Gender Politics
Week 12	(11/15)	Issues in Gender Politics
	(11/17)	Panel Discussion 3
Week 13	(11/22)	Issues in Education
	(11/24)	Issues in Education
Week 14	(11/29)	Issues in Education
	(12/1)	Issues in Education Response Paper 2 Due
Week 15	(12/6)	Issues in Education
	(12/8)	Presentations
Week 16	(12/13)	Presentations
	(12/15)	Presentations
	(12/20)	Presentations



V. Special Accommodations

* According to the University regulation section #57, students with disabilities can request for special accommodations related to attendance, lectures, assignments, or tests by contacting the course professor at the beginning of semester. Based on the nature of the students' request, students can receive support for such accommodations from the course professor or from the Support Center for Students with Disabilities (SCSD). Please refer to the below examples of the types of support available in the lectures, assignments, and evaluations.

Lecture	Assignments	Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Visual impairment: braille, enlarged reading materials . Hearing impairment: note-taking Assistant . Physical impairment: access to classroom, note-taking assistant 	Extra days for submission, alternative assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Visual impairment: braille examination paper, examination with voice support, longer examination hours, note-taking assistant . Hearing impairment: written examination instead of oral . Physical impairment: longer examination hours, note-taking assistant

– Actual support may vary depending on the course.

* The contents of this syllabus are not final and may be updated.