
Global Information Society

Global Information Society is a social studies elective especially designed for CIBCAS seniors

Course Description

Information technology and biotechnology have already shaped our world greatly, yet both are in their infancy. They continue to forge the Global Information Society in which now must compete for jobs and markets. This two-semester elective social studies class is especially designed to give you the tools and information needed to meet the challenges of tomorrow. An understanding of the political dynamics of global interdependence and the interrelationships between culture, geography, economics, history, politics, and technology will help you find your niche in the Global Information Society.

Course Outline

The activities and lessons of this class are designed to enhance two areas of your future knowledge:

- 1. Project management and technology skills**
- 2. Dynamics of our new global society and culture**

Knowledge area 1: Project management and technology skills

Lesson examples include:

- a. Fundamentals of project management
- b. Creating organizational charts in PowerPoint
- c. Creating logos and headers using desktop publication tools
- d. Professional page layout for desktop publishing
- e. Basic image manipulation using Photoshop.

Knowledge area 2: Dynamics of our new global society and culture

Possible areas of discussion and investigation include:

- 1. Cultural Investigation**
 - a. All GIS students will complete a **minimum of two GIS Cultural Investigation Reports** and present their findings to the class using PowerPoint.
 - 2. The Global Information Society.**
 - a. How the globalization process increasingly affects more and more aspects of our daily lives.
 - b. The growing role of multinational companies and the emergence of globocorps.
 - c. How information technology is driving the force behind globalization.
 - d. The reaction by governments to the globalization process.
 - 3. New Challenges for the Global Information Society.**
 - a. The age of global pollution and the effects of globalization on the environment.
 - b. The adaptation of companies to pollution constraints.
 - 4. Dealing with Terrorism**
 - a. Roots of hatred
 - b. Contemporary events and a look back at the September 11th attack.
 - c. Developments with the war on terrorism.
 - 5. Emerging technologies in the Global Information Society**
 - a. New technologies that force social, economic, and political change on a broad scale.
 - Genetic engineering
 - Fiber optic and endoscopic technology
 - New polymers technology
 - Laser technology
 - Artificial intelligence
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Basis for Course Grade

Your grade will be based on the level of participation during class activities and the completion of project deadlines. Letter grade updates will only be given at the end of each quarter.

Homework

There will be no individual homework assignments. All activities and projects will have posted due dates well in advance. Enough time to complete the tasks will be given in class. The CIBACS senior project will take additional effort outside of class to complete.

Attendance and schedule

Regular attendance is required in order to keep up with all of the class activities. Do not plan vacations during the school year. Tuesday and Thursday will be dedicated to GIS activities and discussions. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will be dedicated to individual research and project tasks.

A detailed class schedule is also available in .pdf from my web site, www.edisonchargers.com, or the CIBCAS senior project CD.