



Class Title: Red Global Challenges & How Cultures Solve Problems

Teacher Name: Brandi Williams

Class Day: Monday

Class Size: 14

Class Cost: \$75

Class Fee: \$96

Ages or color group served: Red

What level is this class: Level 3

Prerequisites: Basic Skills

Ability to read short research articles

Ability to take notes and identify key facts

Basic understanding of current events or social issues

Graduation Requirements: HCU Attendance Policy

Homework Requirements: Weekly Research Preparation

Students prepare for the upcoming topic by researching the United States and the countries we will compare in class.

Students Should Bring:

Notes from their research

At least one credible source

3–5 key facts or findings

One question or discussion point

🕒 Time Commitment: 20–30 minutes per week

Required Note Format (Simple & Consistent)

Students should write:

Topic:

Country Compared:

3–5 Key Facts:

One Interesting Discovery:

One Question for Discussion:

Source Title or Website:

Class Description:

In this dynamic course, students will explore major global challenges and examine how different countries address them. From education and poverty to transportation and environmental protection, students will analyze diverse solutions and evaluate their effectiveness.

Through research and debate, students will learn that there is no single solution to complex problems and that culture, government, and community values influence decision-making.

Students Will Develop:

problem-solving skills
analytical thinking
research & debate skills
global awareness
civic responsibility

Week 1:

Understanding Global Challenges

What makes a problem “global”?

Why solutions differ by country

Week 2:

Poverty & Social Support Systems

Welfare systems in Nordic countries

Community-based support models

Week 3:

Education Systems Worldwide

Finland vs United States

Homework, testing & student well-being

Week 4:

Healthcare Access & Prevention

Preventive care vs treatment models

Cost & accessibility differences

Week 5:

Crime Prevention & Public Safety
Rehabilitation vs punishment approaches
Community policing models

Week 6:

Public Transportation & Urban Design
Walkable cities & transit systems
How design affects daily life

Week 7:

Environmental Protection & Sustainability
Recycling systems & environmental policies
Countries leading sustainability efforts

Week 8:

Food Access & Hunger Solutions
Food waste reduction strategies
Community food programs

Week 9:

Technology & Digital Responsibility
Screen time regulation
Technology in education & society

Week 10:

Disaster Response & Emergency Planning

How countries prepare for crises

Community resilience strategies

Week 11:

Youth Programs & Community Development

After-school programs & youth engagement

Preventing risk behaviors

Week 12:

Final Presentations & Solutions Forum

Students propose solutions inspired by global models