



In the spring term the junior class members are placed into random groups of five. Each group selects a global topic and then presents a solution to the topic in a twelve minute collaborative presentation to a group of faculty. After the presentation the group must defend its position. The group is graded on its ability to address the enormity of the global topic, the depth of research, the quality of the presentation, the collaborative nature of the presentation and the group's defense of its presentation.

The Global Collaborative Challenge is graded as High Pass, Pass or Fail. This Practicum is reported on the student's transcript and given two academic credits.

1. Global warming - Theory or Science? Explain.
2. How would you solve the recent surge in gun violence in Chicago?
3. What is the role of education in economic and national security interests?
4. Is North Korea the problem without a solution?
5. Should the NCAA allow athletes to be paid? Why or why not?
6. How would you solve the issue of declining voter turnout in U.S. elections?
7. Should members of Congress have term limits? Explain.
8. Does the Citizens United decision endanger our democracy?



9. Are mandatory prison sentences good public policy? Explain.
10. Is healthcare a right or a privilege? Explain.
11. What are the responsibilities of nations across the globe in the Syrian Refugee Crisis? Does proximity matter?
12. Are post-war treaty organizations such as NATO still effective? How far should one's contribution to NATO limit that country's protection from the rest of NATO?
13. Should we eliminate, modify or keep the Electoral College? Explain.
14. Is the Iran nuclear deal a good deal? Explain.
15. Does the model of the National Security Council still make sense in 2017? Explain.
16. Should Edward Snowden be pardoned? Explain.
17. Should professional athletes be allowed to compete in the Olympics? Explain.
18. How would you react to global pandemics such as the Zika Virus outbreak?
19. Should children that have not been vaccinated be allowed to attend school? Explain.



20. Should real estate developers be allowed to build in flood zones? Explain.

21. "If we don't get the deal we want, we will withdraw from NAFTA and start all over and get a much, much better deal than we ever had before." - Donald Trump. Do you think it would be beneficial to U.S national interest to keep NAFTA as is, renegotiate the treaty or scrap it and start all over?

22. Is college or vocational training a right or privilege? Explain.

23. Has Common Core helped or hurt the public education system? Explain.

24. TPP: What is it and why does it matter? How will the recent action of the president pulling out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership affect future U.S. East Asian relations? What is the path forward?

25. It has been called the "world's most intractable conflict" but how would you solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

26. How far should the expansion of the "Commerce Clause" be allowed giving Congress authority to regulate industries outside the specifics of the US Constitution?

27. Crimea - Was the U.S. response to the Russian takeover misguided? Explain.