What do people and events in other parts of the world have to do with you? This introductory survey course will provide you with information about places, organizing ideas and principles from geography, and a set of themes that will help you make sense of events and issues in today’s world. For example:

Why is Europe’s core region located where it is? What problems do the great cities of Tokyo, Mexico City, Ankara, and San Francisco share? How is Carrboro like Ciudad Juarez? What do Kashmir, Kurdistan, and Northern Ireland share with Israel/Palestine? What major portions of the world will experience the greatest change during your lifetime and why? These and many other questions are tackled to help you judge for yourself the world’s marvelous variety, and the problems and possibilities in many places and to anticipate what is likely to happen next.