

“IF” Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE OUTCOMES

OUTCOME 1: Students will develop the ability to think critically and systemically in addressing the root causes of local and global issues. They will learn to think creatively in terms of problemsolving and decision making so that they can move both themselves and their communities towards a sustainable future.

OUTCOME 2: Students will assume personal responsibility for the rights and responsibilities of democratic participation and leadership in both local and global contexts. They will demonstrate collective respect for the self and the commons.

OUTCOME 3: Students will broaden their concept of participation in government, in their present and future lives, to encompass both the formal political realm and civil society.

OUTCOME 4: Students will understand the relationship between the formal language used to define and perceive citizens’ roles and responsibilities and the behaviors and actions related to social, civic and political entities. They will apply this understanding to effectively formulate and communicate their ideas through a variety of media.

OUTCOME 5: Students will value and appreciate diverse perspectives of participation and governance. They will develop an awareness of human choices and their consequences, and illustrate an understanding of the importance of cooperation, teamwork and consensus building in addressing regional and global challenges.

OUTCOME 6: Students will explore, review and critique multiple forms of governance, including examples from community, local, national, regional and international levels. They will understand the importance of international exchange, international organizations and international agreements in creating arenas in which these multiple forms of governance can address issues together.

OUTCOME 7: Students will increase their sense of efficacy by expanding their understanding of their legitimate voice and by developing advocacy skills. Students will demonstrate their ability to integrate their knowledge, skills and values by authentically applying what they have learned to their own lives and their communities.