**International Studies Course Outline:**

**Semester One**

**Unit One: Intro to IB Thinking**

- Current Events, Beginner’s Mind, Tent Name Cards, History of Your Lifetime Activity

- RA strategies with Layson

- Understanding Schema and Perspectives

- Differences between Facts-Opinions-Beliefs-Prejudices

**Unit Two: Culture & Religion**

- What is culture?

*- Project - cultural videos coordinated with Wlodarczyk*

- Comparative Religions

*- Project – deep dive on a specific religion that’s not yours – midterm presentation?*

**Semester Two**

**Unit Three: Economics**

- Personal Economics

*- Project: Budget Challenge February-April*

- Global Economics

**Unit Four:  Global Issues**

- Human rights, Genocide definition, UN Declaration of Human Rights

*- Project - Explore a humanitarian issue like slavery, trafficking, poverty, clean water, ethnic cleansing, freedom of expression, workers’ rights, educational opportunity, free press, etc.*

- Terrorism

- Climate & Mankind

*Final Exam Project: Design a mock CAS project that helps an organization dealing with humanitarian issue*