

**World Futures
Schedule Spring 2017**

Please note that the schedule and requirements sometimes change as the semester progresses. The “official” requirements are on the intro page each week on Canvas.

The first column contains the date for class each week. The second column contains the substantive topic for the week. The first week is devoted to orientation to the class; the second week to the futures tools that will form the backbone for most of the activities and assignments. From the third to the eleventh week, the class will review the future of one of the STEEP+ categories. In week 12 we’ll do a class on wildcards and for weeks 13 and 15 we do class presentations.

The text-based readings for those topics are listed in the third column. Other required or recommended readings will be included on the website as we go along. The week officially begins the day of class, but the readings should be read before class.

The fourth column contains what will be submitted each. Since the week begins with the class on the date in the first column, the submissions are due at midnight of the day before the next class. (D) is a discussion posting, and (A) is an assignment posting.

| <i>Week # and Date</i> | <i>Topic</i> | <i>Reading (review before this week’s class)</i> | <i>Submission (due evening before the next class)</i> |
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| 1. Jan 19 | Introduction, orientation | | (D) Getting to Know Each Other (D) World 2025 (D) Domain Topic Choice |
| 2. Jan 26 | Project Student Needs 2025+ Example | See intro page | (A) Domain Description (A) Diigo Scanning Library (due w8 March 8 th) |
| 3. Feb 2 | Demography The Immortality Game | See intro page | (D) Reflections on Population (A) Current Assessment |
| 4. Feb 9 | Resources (Energy, water, food) | Coates - ch 5, 13 Additional readings on intro page | (D) Energy Quiz (D) Reflections on Resources (A) Stakeholder Plans |
| 5. Feb 16 | Immortality Game (from w3) Technology – information | Coates - ch 3 Additional readings on intro page | (D) W5 Information Technology Pin Board (A) Trends |
| 6. Feb 23 | Technology – biotechnology, nanotechnology | Coates - ch 4, 6 | (D) Stages of Tech Development (A) Diigo Scanning Library |

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| 7. Mar 2 | Economics & globalization | Coates - ch 16 Additional readings on intro page | (D) Is Capitalism Up to the Task? (A) 2x2 GBN Scenario (due Mar 22) |
| 8. Mar 9 | Geopolitics Game: Governance for the Future: An Inventor's Toolkit | Coates – ch 8 Additional readings on intro page | (D) Reflection on Politics |
| 9. Mar 16 | Spring Break | | |
| 10. Mar 23 | Environment | Coates - ch 7 Additional readings on intro page | (D) Environment in State of Emergency? (A) 3 rd Order Impacts |
| 11. Mar 30 | Social life (values, generations) | Coates - ch 15 Additional readings on intro page | (D) New Dimensions Values Assessment (A) Client Pitch |
| 12. Apr 6 | Wildcards World Game | Readings on intro page | (D) Wildcard Ranking (A) Book presentation |
| 13. Apr 13 | Book presentations | None | (A) Archetype presentation (due Apr 26) |
| 14. Apr 20 | Week “off” to prepare Group presentations | None | |
| 15. Apr 27 | Group Archetype Presentations | | |
| May 8 | Final deadline for all work | | |