

## Writing Assignment 3: Practical application

FYOS 1001: Ebola

*Rationale.* The three missions of the University of Georgia are teaching, research, and *service*. An important way in which scholars serve society is by applying academic knowledge to advance collective goals and contribute to the resolution of the key issues of our era.

*Learning objectives.* The student will be able to organize facts and perspectives about a complex social issue (the 2013-2015 West Africa Ebola epidemic) in a way that aids the the design of coherent policies or strategies.

*Assignment.* Write a two page essay developing and advocating an approach to US border policy for public health emergencies. Should the US change its entrance requirements or screening during outbreaks? If yes, how? Should it prohibit the travel of Americans? How should it regulate commercial transport? What should be its approach to repatriation when Americans become sick? Does it matter what kind of outbreak or where the outbreak is occurring? Use your knowledge of the 2013-2015 West Africa Ebola to support your view.

*Assessment.* Essays will be evaluated according to the following writing rubric.

Due: March 30, 2017

	Excellent	Good	Competent	Ineffective
Clear and specific statement of some aspect of border policy; consideration of alternative points of view or counter-arguments.				
Support by facts and perspectives about the Ebola epidemic as portrayed in <i>Ebola's Message</i>				
Mechanics of writing (use of paragraphs, clear thesis, logical argument, spelling/grammar); following directions of the assignment				