

Politics of Globalization
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Political Science 405Z, Section 1

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Course Description: There are divergent views in the public discourse regarding what globalization represents. If globalization is a distinct and unique socio-economic force, then what are the implications for national governments, labor, and transnational corporations? Is globalization eroding state sovereignty? Are workers disadvantaged *vis-à-vis* globalizing capital? Can more equitable and/or effective global institutions be constructed in this age of globalization? This course aims to provide a systematic understanding of the political, economic, and social aspects of globalization. We will first examine how globalization is conceptualized. Following this we will assess the empirical evidence regarding the spatiotemporal bounds of globalization. We will then focus on economic, political, and cultural aspects of globalization. The last few weeks of the course will investigate special problems often associated with globalization.

Format: As this is an upper-level course, the instructor assumes that students who have registered for the class are interested in the topic. The course will be conducted as a seminar. The instructor expects students will read the assigned materials prior to coming to class. Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions.

Course Requirements: *Exams:* There will be two exams each worth 100 points. All make-up exams are scheduled for Wednesday December 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Make-up exams will only be allowed when the instructor is notified *before* the scheduled exam and only for verifiable and excusable grounds. All in-class exams and quizzes must be written in black ink, dark blue ink, or a “number 2” pencil; failure to conform to this requirement will result in a failing grade. Students who do not exercise intelligible penmanship will be penalized. Take-home exams must be word processed with standard formatting and fully referenced using a standard style.

Research Paper: A 12-15 page research paper worth 100 points is due by November 29th. More details on this project will be handed-out in class.

Book Review: Students are required to write a scholarly book review. More information on this 50 point assignment will be provided in class.

Class Participation and attendance, including quizzes, will account for 100 points. Make-up quizzes will not be offered. At least once during the semester each student will be randomly called on to answer a question related to the assigned readings. This assignment is worth 25 points toward your participation grade. Missing more than 3 classes lowers your final grade by one-third (e.g., an A- turns into a B+). Missing more than 5 classes determines that your grade is an F. Students who arrive late or leave early will be marked absent.

Disruptions – such as using a cell phone, text messenger, pager, computer or other such device – will have a deleterious effect on your participation grade. *The instructor requires all cell phones and pagers to be switched off during class.* Electronic devices, including language translation equipment and audio recorders, may not be used. Late assignments will be penalized 20 percent per day beyond the due date. Incompletes will not be offered except in the most unusual of circumstances. All grade disputes must be in writing. Students who expect to miss class because of the observance of a religious holiday will have an opportunity to make up missed work given that the instructor has been notified in writing regarding the anticipated absence by the last day of late registration. Students who expect to miss class due to an officially sanctioned, UNLV activity (e.g., intercollegiate athletics) must notify the instructor in writing at least 7 days prior to the anticipated absence and provide verification of participation.

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Synopsis of Grading

Exams	200 points
Participation	100 points
Research Paper	100 points
Book Review	50 points
Total	450 points

Required Texts:

Lechner, Frank J. and John Boli, eds. (2004) *The Globalization Reader* (2nd Ed.) Malden: Blackwell. ISBN: 1405102802

Scholte, Jan Aart (2005) *Globalization: A Critical Introduction*. (2nd Ed.) New York: St. Martin's. ISBN: 0333977025.

Singer, Peter (2002) *One World: The Ethics of Globalization*. (2nd Ed.) New Haven: Yale University Press. ISBN: 0300103050

Steger, Manfred B. (2003) *Globalization: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 019280359X.

Woods, Ngaire (2006) *The Globalizers: The IMF, the World Bank, And Their Borrowers*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. ISBN: 0801444241.

Student Accommodation: The UNLV Disability Resource Center (DRC) houses the resources for students with disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC) room 137. The phone numbers are 702-895-0866 (voice), 702-895-0652 (TDD), and 702-895-0651 (Fax). For additional information please visit: www.unlv.edu/studentinf/les.

Course Outline & Readings: The instructor reserves the right to adjust this schedule as needed.

Date	Topic	Readings
8/28	Introduction	Scholte, Chapter 1
8/30	Conceptual Overview	Steger, Chapter 1
9/4	No Class	none
9/6	Conceptual Overview	Scholte, Chapter 2 Jonathan R. Strand, Tina F. Mueller, and Jessica A. McArthur (2005) "The Essentially Contested Concept of Globalization," <i>Politics and Ethics Review</i> E-Reserve.
9/11	Globalization in Historical Perspective	Steger, Chapter 2
9/13	Globalization in Historical Perspective	Scholte, Chapter 3 Lechner and Boli, Chapters 7 (Hobsbawn) & 8 (Wallerstein)
9/18	Causes of Globalization	Thomas Friedman, <i>The World is Flat</i> , E-Reserve Veseth, <i>Globalony</i> , E-Reserve Mark Rupert's Anti-Friedman website: http://faculty.maxwell.syr.edu/merupert/Anti-Friedman.htm
9/20	Causes of Globalization	Scholte, Chapter 4
9/25	Appraisals of Globalization	Steger, Chapter 6;
9/27	Appraisals of Globalization	Lechner and Boli, Chapters 1 (Micklethwait & Wooldridge), 2 (Sen), 3 (Gray), 4

		(Barber) & 5 (Huntington)
10/2	Economic Globalization I	Steger, Chapter 3
10/4	Economic Globalization I	Scholte, Chapter 5
10/9	Economic Globalization II	Lechner & Boli, Chapters 19 (Greider), 20 (Korzeniewicz), 21 (Dollar & Kraay), 22 (Oxfam), 23 (Robinson), 24 (Henderson) & 25 (Stiglitz)
10/11	Exam 1	none
10/16	Governing Globalization	Woods Chapters 1-3
10/18	Governing Globalization	Woods Chapters 4-6
10/23	Governing Globalization	Woods Chapter 7 David Rapkin and Jonathan Strand (2006) "Reforming the IMF's Weighted Voting System," <i>The World Economy</i> E-Reserve
10/25	Globalization and Politics I	Steger, Chapter 4 Lechner & Boli, Chapters 26 (Ohmae), 27 (Strange), 28 (Rodrick), 29 (Garrett) & 30 (Annan)
10/30	Globalization and Politics I	Scholte, Chapter 11
11/1	Globalization and Politics II	Barry Posen (2003) "Command of the Commons: The Military Foundation of U.S. Hegemony." <i>International Security</i> E-Reserve David Rapkin (2006) "Empire and its Discontents," <i>New Political Economy</i> E-Reserve
11/6	Globalization and Politics II	Lechner & Boli, Chapters 31 (Berkovitch), 32 (UN), 33 (Boli & Thomas), 34 (Eigen), 35 (Mathews), & 36 (Bond)
11/8	Globalization and Media	Steger, Chapter 5 Lechner & Boli, Chapters 37 (MacBride & Roach), 38 (Sinclair, et al.), 39 (Tomlinson) & 40 (Tyrrell)
11/13	Globalization and Culture	Steger, Chapter 6
11/15	Global Ethics	Singer, Chapter 1 Lechner and Boli, Chapter 6 (Küng)
11/20	Global Society/Community	Singer, Chapters 3 & 5 Scholte, Chapter 7
11/22	Globalization and the Environment	Singer, Chapter 2
11/27	Globalization and the Environment	Lechner & Boli, Chapters 47 (WC), 48 (UN), 49 (Wapner), 50 (Keck & Sikkink), 51 (Abrash), & 52 (Sachs)
11/29	Resistance? Futile or Fertile?	Steger, Chapters 7 & 8
12/4	Resistance? Futile or Fertile?	Lechner & Boli, Chapters 53 (Esteva & Prakash), 54 (Harding), 55 (Shiva), 56 (Marcos), 57 (WSF), & 58 (IFG)
12/6	Resistance? Futile or Fertile?	Scholte, Chapter 12 Singer, Chapter 6
TBA	Final	Final