

Political Science 3140: Politics of Globalization

Instructor

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T, TH 10:00-12:00
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Time and Location:

M, W 2:00 - 3:15
BD-106

Course Description:

This course explores the impact of globalization on international politics. Globalization is a complex phenomenon that influences many different aspects of political, economic and social life. Specifically, we will study how globalization affects the international economy, the spread of culture, democratization, human rights, and security. In the first half of the course, we focus on the benefits of globalization while in the second half, we look at its consequences.

Required Reading:

Payne, Richard J. 2013. *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. 4th ed. Boston: Pearson Education.

Nassar, Jamal. 2009. *Globalization and Terrorism: The Migration of Dreams and Nightmares*. 2nd ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Any additional readings are posted on the course's Blackboard page.

Course Requirements and Grading

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Grade Weight</u>	<u>Date</u>
Midterm	20%	Wednesday, March 6 th
Unannounced Weekly Quiz (10)	15% (1.5% each)	N/A
Paper	25%	Monday, April 29
Attendance/Participation	15%	N/A
Final Exam	25%	Wednesday, May 8 2:00 - 4:30

Midterm – The exam will be taken in class and consist of 20-30 questions and a short essay.

Final - The final exam will be taken in class and is cumulative. It will also consist of 35-40 questions, a short essay about a topic covered in the exams, and a longer essay integrating everything we have learned.

Unannounced Quizzes – During the course of each week (with some exceptions), I will randomly conduct a quiz. These will be given in class and will concern the reading that is due for that day. The format will be multiple choice. These are meant to ensure that you do the reading. If you read, these should be relatively simple. An additional bonus is that these questions have a habit of showing up on the exams. I will count the 10 highest quizzes towards your grade.

Paper – Students will be expected to write a 10 page paper focusing on the impact of globalization (however defined) on the interaction of individuals or states. The paper assignment will be twofold – one due date concerns a preliminary outline and bibliography (10% of your grade) and the second regards the completed paper (15%). A more detailed explanation will be given during a later class.

Attendance/Participation - Students are expected to participate actively in class and contribute to class discussion. In addition, attendance is obviously important. Late arrivals will be noted and repeated instances of being late will negatively affect your grade. In regards to absences, please contact me before class if you are unable to attend. Please note that attending and participating are two different things – just regular attendance without participation will be considered “average”; as a result, this portion of your grade will be given an “average” grade of C.

Grading Scale:

Grades will be based on a 100 point scale:

A Range = 90 - 100

A = 93 to 100

A - = 90 to 92.99

B Range = 80 - 89.99

B + = 87 to 89.99

B = 83 to 86.99

B - = 80 to 82.99

C Range = 70 - 79.99

C + = 77 to 79.99

C = 73 to 76.99

C - = 70 to 72.99

D Range = 60 - 69.99

D + = 67 to 69.99

D = 63 to 67.99

D - = 60 to 62.99

F = 59.99 or below

Note

Any and all assignments are to be hard-copy, word-processed documents. No emailed attachments are accepted. Late assignments are penalized 10 points each day late.

Please feel free to see me if you have any questions or concerns. Problems and concerns about grades are easier to solve early in the semester than late.

Blackboard Site

You have been added to an online blackboard system. The blackboard system allows for students to interact with the instructor, and to interact with each other. All the material for this course (e.g., reading materials, a copy of the syllabus, hand-outs, and study guides) will be posted to this system. You

can login at <https://blackboard.ecu.edu/>. Your user name is your PirateID and your password is your normal password. I will offer more detail about the course blackboard page as we proceed throughout the semester.

Disability Services

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Course Outline

Do the reading before coming to class on the specified day. For example, the reading listed under “Wednesday, January 16” is the reading that should be completed by class on that day. I reserve the right to change readings to accommodate changes in schedule, pace, etc...

Week 1 (January 14 – January 18): Introduction

Monday, January 14: Review Syllabus

Wednesday, January 16:

- Payne, Richard J. 2013. *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. 4th ed. Boston: Pearson Education. Chapter 1.
NOTE – This chapter ONLY will be available on Blackboard

Week 2 (January 23 – January 25): Introduction

Wednesday, January 23:

- Keohane, Robert and Joseph S. Nye, Jr. 2000. Globalization: What's New? What's Not? (And So What?). *Foreign Policy* 118: 104-119.

Week 3 (January 28 - February 1): Intro/History of Globalization

Monday, January 28:

- Sen, Amartya. 2002. How to Judge Globalism. *The American Prospect*

Wednesday, January 30:

- Friedman, Thomas. 2005. It's a Flat World After All. *New York Times Magazine*. 32-37.
- Ghemawat, Pankaj. 2007. Why the World Isn't Flat. *Foreign Policy* 159: 54-60.

Week 4 (February 4 - February 8): Benefits of Globalization: Economic Growth

Monday, February 4:

- Payne, Richard J. 2013. *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. 4th ed. Boston: Pearson Education. Chapter 8.

Wednesday, February 6:

- Rodrik, Dani. 2011. The Globalization Paradox: Bretton Woods, GATT, and the WTO.
- Rodrik, Dani. 2000. How Far will International Economic Integration Go? *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 14(1): 177-186.

Week 5 (February 11 - February 15): Benefits of Globalization: Democratization

Monday, February 11:

- Payne, Richard J. 2013. *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. 4th ed. Boston: Pearson Education. Chapter 4.

Wednesday, February 13:

- Plattner, Mark. 2002. Globalization and Self Government

Week 6 (February 18 - February 22): Benefits of Globalization: Human Rights

Monday, February 18:

- Payne, Richard J. 2013. *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. 4th ed. Boston: Pearson Education. Chapter 3.

Wednesday, February 20:

- Burgerman, Susan. 1998. Mobilizing Principles: The Role of Transnational Activists in Promoting Human Rights Principles. *Human Rights Quarterly* 20(4): 905-923

Week 7 (February 25 – March 1): Benefits of Globalization: Culture

Monday, February 25:

- Caplan, Bryan and Tyler Cowen. 2004. Do We Underestimate the Benefits of Cultural Competition? *American Economic Review* 94(2): 402-407.

Wednesday, February 27:

- Cowen, Tyler. 2001. Why Hollywood Rules the World, and Whether We Should Care

Week 8 (March 4– March 8): Midterm

Monday, March 4:

- Midterm Review

Wednesday, March 6:

- Midterm

Week 9 (March 11 - March 15): Spring Break

Week 10 (March 18 - March 22): The Consequences of Globalization: Outsourcing/Sweatshops

Monday, March 18:

- Daniel Drezner. 2004. The Outsourcing Bogeyman. *Foreign Affairs* 83(3): 22-43.

Wednesday, March 20:

- D'Mello, Bernard. 2003. Reebok and the Global Footwear Sweatshop. *Monthly Review* 54(9): 26-40.
- *The Economist* Blog. 2012. Using Globalization for Good.
<http://www.economist.com/blogs/democracynamerica/2012/02/foxconn-and-labour-laws>

Week 11 (March 25 - March 28): The Consequences of Globalization: Undermining the State

Note – Outline and Bibliography due at beginning of class

Monday, March 25:

- Hanson, Elizabeth. 2008. The Information Revolution and World Politics. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. Chapter 6.

Wednesday, March 27:

- Dyson, Esther. 2011. Illusions of democracy and the internet.
<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2011/05/2011523142315198425.html>
- Ghonim, Wael. 2012. *Revolution 2.0: The Power of the People is Greater than the People in Power*. New York: Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt.

Week 12 (April 1 – April 5): The Consequences of Globalization: Crime & Health

Monday, April 1:

- Payne, Richard J. 2013. *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. 4th ed. Boston: Pearson Education. Chapter 12

Wednesday, April 3:

- Payne, Richard J. 2013. *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. 4th ed. Boston: Pearson Education. Chapter 13

Week 13 (April 8 - April 12): The Consequences of Globalization: The Environment

Monday, April 8:

- Payne, Richard J. 2013. *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. 4th ed. Boston: Pearson Education. Chapter 10

Wednesday, April 10:

- Klare, Michael. 2001. The New Geography of Conflict. *Foreign Affairs* 80(3): 49-61.

Week 14 (April 15 – April 19): The Consequences of Globalization: Security I

Monday, April 15:

- Payne, Richard J. 2013. *Global Issues: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. 4th ed. Boston: Pearson Education. Chapter 5.

Wednesday, April 17:

- Cronin, Audrey Kurth. 2002/2003. Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism. *International Security* 27(3): 30–58.

Week 15 (April 22 – April 26): The Consequences of Globalization: Security II

Monday, April 22:

- Nassar, Jamal. 2009. *Globalization and Terrorism: The Migration of Dreams and Nightmares*. 2nd ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. Chapter 2
- Nassar, Jamal. 2009. *Globalization and Terrorism: The Migration of Dreams and Nightmares*. 2nd ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. Chapter 4

Wednesday, April 24:

- Nassar, Jamal. 2009. *Globalization and Terrorism: The Migration of Dreams and Nightmares*. 2nd ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield. Chapter 5

Week 16 (April 29 - April 30): Finals Review

Monday, April 29:

- Finals Review

Note – Papers Due at beginning of class

Final: Wednesday, May 8 2:00 - 4:30