Classical & Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures

GLS2800:Sec. 00
CRN 17351

Introduction to Global Issues & Institutions: Fall 2016
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Purpose:
The purpose of this course is to furnish students with a broad overview of contemporary issues facing our ever increasingly “globalized” world and to introduce them to some of the tools available to confront these issues. Topics will focus upon areas such as the global economy and development, international conflict and security, the environment, immigration, human rights and identity politics. Students will become familiar with different views on key issues, including perspectives and policies of various national governments, as well as international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

To the end of clarity, the course will cover the following objectives: 1) Analyze and discuss the major problems facing the world today, including problems related to the environment, population growth, human rights, security, economic development, and trade; 2) Critically assess the merits of competing arguments concerning these issues; 3) Convincingly present an oral argument on one side of a selected issue; and 4) Conduct research, both traditional and web-based, on the topic of global issues.

Evaluation:
1. Examination (20%):
   This course requires that you complete one midterm (see the course schedule below for the exact date). The midterm is worth 20% of your overall grade and will cover all the material presented to that point. If you are unable to attend the exam on the specified date, you must inform and gain approval from me at least one week prior to the exam. If you simply do not attend, you will receive a failing grade for that exam, no exceptions.

2. Research Paper (50%):
   Write a 15-20 page research paper (standard font, one-inch margins, and pitch) on a topic within the scope of the course material chosen in consultation with the professor. Topics should be finalized by September 28 in order to ensure adequate preparation time. By November 2, you must submit a bibliography with at least five books and articles combined. Consult the bibliographies in the textbooks or other sources and ask me for suggestions. The final paper is due at the beginning of class on December 12. Papers should use Chicago Manual of Style.

3. Attendance & Discussion (30%):
   Attendance, involvement, and participation in the discussions showing personal initiative and that you are keeping up with the readings will also be evaluated. Only 3 excused absences are acceptable; any absences beyond this will have a negative impact on your final grade. Students will not be allowed to enter class after 1:45p.m.

Recommendations for Success:
⇒ Primarily, success in this course depends on reading the assigned sections of the text prior to attending the lectures. Many of the names of people and places will be unfamiliar and/or strange, so reviewing these
names and familiarizing yourself with the general topic under discussion will make for a more comprehensible lecture.

⇒ Make it a habit to log on to Blackboard on a regular basis. From time to time I will post supplementary information and study tools under Course Documents.

⇒ For special needs, students are referred to the Office of Educational Accessibility Services located at the Undergraduate Library in room 1600. You can also reach them by phone at 313-577-1851 or 313-577-3365, or by email at eas@wayne.edu.

Last but certainly not Least:

⇒ Plagiarism or cheating on exams and written projects are grounds for failing the course and could lead to expulsion from the university.

⇒ This is a contractual agreement and commitment by you, the student, therefore binding you to its terms.

The professor, however, reserves the right to change the terms of this agreement if deemed necessary after viewing student output and achievement.

Textbooks and required readings:
There will be FOUR required books:


Schedule for Lectures and Discussions

Week 1: August 29/August 31
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31: Eriksen, Introduction, Sec. 1; Pieterse, Ch. 1
Course Schedule and Material
Introduction; History of Globalization

Week 2: September 5/7
NO CLASS: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Eriksen, Introduction, Sec. 1; Pieterse, Ch. 1
History of Globalization; Time and Space- Flat Earth vs Topography

Week 3: September 12/14
Eriksen, Sec. 2
Institutions & Components of Globalization;
Acceleration: Technology & Communications

Week 4: September 19/21
Eriksen, Sec. 3
Globalization & Standardization: Homgenization vs Diversity

Week 5: September 26/28
Eriksen, Sec. 3
Human Rights and Identity
Paper Topic Due: Wednesday, September 28

Week 6: October 3/5
Eriksen, Sec. 4; Snarr, Sec. 2
Globalization & Interconnectedness
Social Media & Soccer

Week 7: October 10/12
Week 8: October 17/19
**Eriksen, Sec. 5; Pieterse, Ch. 2-3; Snarr, Sec. 3**
Movement: Globalization & Migration
Refugees & Displaced Cultures

Week 9: October 24/26
**Eriksen, Sec. 5; Pieterse, Ch. 2-3; Snarr, Sec. 3**
Globalization & the Nation-State
Nationalism & Hyper-nationalism
**Wednesday, October 26: MIDTERM EXAM:** Based on all material covered through Week 8

Week 10: October 31/November 2
**Eriksen, Sec. 5; Pieterse, Ch. 2-3; Snarr, Sec. 3**
Globalization: Trans-Nationalism & Post-Nationalism
**Paper Bibliography Due: Wednesday, November 2**

Week 11: November 7/9
**Eriksen, Sec. 6; Pieterse, Ch. 4-6**
Globalization & Hybridity
Pluralism & Multiculturalism

Week 12: November 14/16
**Eriksen, Sec. 6; Pieterse, Ch. 4-6**
Globalization & Hybridity
Anti-Hybridism

Week 13: November 21/23
**Eriksen, Sec. 8**
Globalization & Identity: Diapsoras
**NO CLASS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Week 14: November 28/30
**Eriksen, Sec. 7; Snarr, Sec. 1**
Globalization & Security
Arms Proliferation & Desecuritization

Week 15: December 5/7
**Snarr, Sec. 4**
Globalization & the Environment
Climate Change & Ecology

Week 16: December 12/14
**Eriksen, Sec. 9**
The Future of Globalization
**Conclusion/Review: December 12**
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12: LAST DAY OF CLASSES**
Final Paper Due