



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE - FALL 2017

SO2690 (A2): Introductory Sociology of Globalization – 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours for 15 Weeks

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces various aspects of globalization and its impact on our lives at the local, national and international levels.

PREREQUISITE(S)/CO-REQUISITE: SO1000

REQUIRED TEXT(S)/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Ritzer, G. and Dean, P. (2015). Globalization: A Basic Text, 2nd Edition. West Sussex, UK: Wiley Blackwell.

In addition, Supplemental materials to be posted on Moodle.

DELIVERY MODE(S): lectures, class discussion, group work, and class presentations

COURSE OBJECTIVES: To help students:

- Acquire a critical sociological understanding of the economic, social, cultural, technological and political aspects of globalization.
- Become critically familiar with the contending perspectives of globalization.
- Become conceptually familiar with social problems including poverty, inequality and environmental hazards that are interrelated to the process of globalization.
- Learn the critical roles that powerful states, multilateral institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, the World Trade Organization (WTO), and transnational in the globalization process.
- Engender generic skills such as teamwork and cooperation, leadership, organization, and presentation.

LEARNIBG OUTCOMES: By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Explain the key debates, concepts and ethics of globalization.
- Illustrate the causes and the consequences of globalization.
- Discuss a range of mechanisms and approaches utilized to combat the negative consequences of globalization.
- Locate, evaluate and use relevant literature as well as cite and acknowledge knowledge sources.

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, AU, UL, AF, CU, CUC, GMU, KUC

***Warning:** Although we strive to make the transferability information in this document up-to-date and accurate, **the student has the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of this course to Alberta Colleges and Universities.** Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide main page

<http://www.transferalberta.ca> or, if you do not want to navigate through few links, at <http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/tsp/ta/tbi/onlineSearch.html?SearchMode=S&step=2>

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

EVALUATIONS:

Attendance and participation	10%
Assignment one	15% (week four)
Midterm Exam	25% (week seven)
Assignment two	15% (week nine)
Final Exam	35% (Scheduled by the Registrar Office)

Submission & Late Policies: It is very important to complete your assignments on time. Late and/or incomplete assignments will receive a grade of 0%, unless you have a valid reason supported with appropriate documentation (i.e., medical note from an M.D.) and you discuss it with me.

For written and take-home assignments – you will be penalized -20%/day up to the maximum of -100% = a ZERO. No Exceptions.

Grade Description & Notification: All efforts will be made to return graded assignments promptly. Final exams and essays will not be returned and will be kept by the University Studies. If you complete an assignment (i.e., present, hand in a paper), you cannot—after

the fact—claim that extenuating circumstances affected your work and request a grade adjustment. If you are having difficulty with an assignment or there are serious extenuating circumstances affecting your work, please speak with me as soon as possible.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100		C+	2.3	66-69
A	4.0	90-94		C	2.0	63-65
A-	3.7	85-89		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	80-84		D+	1.3	54-59
B	3.0	75-79		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-74		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE

Week 1	Chapter 1 Introduction to globalization Course outline Liquids, flows, and structures	
Week 2	Chapter 2 and 3 Critical views on globalization Globalization: Issues, debates, controversies Imperialism, Colonialism, Development, Westernization, Easternization, Americanization	
Week 3	Chapter 4 Globalization and neo-liberalism Globalization and structural adjustment policies Globalization and poverty reduction	
Week 4	Chapter 4 (continued) Globalization and development Globalization and underdevelopment Hernando de Soto and the legal systems argument	Assignment one 15%
Week 5	Chapter 6 Globalization and the economy Structuring the global economy Bretton Woods System	

Week 6	Chapter 7 Global economic flow Globalization and localization The economics of happiness	
Week 7	Midterm exam	Midterm 25%: Ch 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6
Week 8	Chapter 8 Globalization and Culture Global culture, cultural flows, high-tech global flows and structures	
Week 9	Chapter 5 Globalization and politics Global political structures and processes Documentary: No logo	Assignment two 15%
Week 10	Chapter 10 Global flows of people Human trafficking and the sex industry Documentary: the sex industry and class discussion	
Week 11	Chapter 11 and 12 Global environmental flows Negative global flows and processes Documentary: the real Avatar and class discussion	
Week 12	Chapter 13 and 14 Global inequalities Global foreign aid and problems The global food crisis and land Grabbing Eglitis, "How Economic Inequality Benefits the West" optional*	
Week 13	Chapter 15 Globalization and resistance Fair-trade: Key debates Documentary: fair-trade and class discussion	
Week 14 Final exam	Final critique of globalization You will be required to write and submit a critical report that summarizes what you have learned. That will be your final exam	E2 35% Ch 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 & 15 Final Exams are Scheduled by the Registrar Office

Please note that I may alter or add a reading assignment, a reference list or a topic of investigation. You will be notified in class and in writing through Moodle.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

ATTENDANCE AND EXAM POLICIES:

Attendance at lectures is strongly encouraged, as are your participation in class discussions and group discussions.

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). *Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.*

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes by asking fellow students for the material covered, and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and / or notes that may be due.

PLEASE NOTE:

A missed exam won't be accommodated *unless* the situation is an unexpected personal or family emergency, and unless you can provide documentation.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Calendar at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies>

Instructors reserve the right to use electronic plagiarism detection services on written assignments. **Instructors also reserve the right to ban the use of any form of electronics (cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, tablets, scanning pens, electronic dictionaries, etc.) during class and during exams.**

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

Additional Information

While lectures form the backbone of this module, various learning strategies will also be utilized such as group work, group and class discussions. Through the preparation of thought-provoking questions, students will be encouraged to think critically about a range of social circumstances. In your lectures, you will receive guidance as to the areas of knowledge on which you should concentrate. You will receive an overview of key points of learning relevant to these topics. It is expected that you will deepen your understanding of lecture contents, group discussions and class discussions through independent reading.

If at any point in the semester you feel you are struggling with the module or with your course work, please don't hesitate to ask for assistance. Come and see me during my drop-in office hour, and I will assist you or point you towards other suitable sources of support. If you are scheduled to attend lectures or have other commitments during my office hour, please contact me by e-mail for an appointment. My email address is EGeleta@gprc.ab.ca

Moodle

This course will make extensive use of a dedicated Internet site on Moodle to support your learning. You are expected for keeping current with the content of the site and I advise you to log on at least once a week.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating)
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications
- The willful distortion of results or data
- Substitution in an examination by another person
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct section of the GPRC credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct Policies.

Specialized Supports

Counselling and Disability Services

Counselling Services provides a wide range of specialized counselling services to prospective and registered students, including personal, career and academic counselling.

Students with Disabilities

It is the College's goal that learning experiences be as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience physical or academic barriers based on a disability, please let your instructor know immediately so options can be discussed. You are also welcome to contact Accessibility Services to establish reasonable accommodations.

<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/services/accessibility/>

Learning Support Centre

The Learning Support Centre is accessible through the Library at the Main campus of GPRC, where students can gather to share ideas, collaborate on projects and get new perspectives on learning from our tutorial staff.

The Learning Support Centre, through a variety of delivery methods, provides assistance in skill development to GPRC students. Assistance is provided by instructors, staff and student tutors. Individuals wishing to improve their mathematics, writing, grammar, study, or other skills, can take advantage of this unique service.

Email

Please be considerate when using email to communicate with your instructor.

- Questions are best addressed in person – following class, or during office hours.
- Email is a poor substitute for actual instructor/student conversations.
- If you are implored to send an email you need to include the course number and your full name (as you are known by the college) in the subject heading. ***If you do not include the course number and your name in the subject line I will not respond.***

Professional Conduct

- Please be aware that I respect that everyone's time is precious and valuable, please afford me the same courtesy.
- Instead of preoccupying your mind with the question – “how do I get an ‘A’?” Instead, ask yourself how can I work to expand my knowledge, perspective and outlook on the world?