

**Syllabus for POLS 2503
Introduction to Global Studies
Spring 2019**

Course: GLBS 2503 Introduction to Global Studies

Class: M, W, & F 9:00–9:50, PY 209

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Introduction to Global Studies 2503 introduces students to the study of globalization and world transformation. The major political, economic, social, historical and cultural accounts of globalization will be examined from various disciplinary theoretical frameworks in order to develop a deeper awareness of the processes producing social conflict and change.

Texas Core Objectives:

This course will support the development of the following state mandated core learning objectives: Critical Thinking, Communication Skills, Personal Responsibility, and Social Responsibility.

Texts: *An Introduction to Global Studies*, First Edition, Patricia Campbell, Aran MacKinnon, and Christy Stevens (2010), Wiley Blackwell.

In addition to the text book there are a series of readings that we will use in class. Electronic copies will be available in D2L.

Expectations, Examinations, and Grading: Students are expected to attend class. Lectures will not reproduce the texts. Students are also expected to enthusiastically participate in class discussions. There will be two examinations and a final exam. The format of each is short answer questions and identification of key terms. The highest grading scale will be 90 (A), 80 (B), 70 (C), and 60 (D). If for any reason you should have to miss a test please inform the instructor prior to the time of the test and provide documentation for your absence. In addition to the exams we will also have a number of map a quizzes over the various regions of the world. These quizzes will supplement the class world regions project.

World Regions Project: To effectively study global issues one must have a geographic literacy of the world. To develop this literacy we will explore each region of the world. We will conduct this exploration as a class. This will include requiring you to take a map quiz of the countries in the corresponding region. To supplement this exploration, each student will be assigned a region of the world and be required to research this region, write a short paper on a selected country in the region, and then present their findings to the class. This will allow us to explore each of the regions of the world. Details on this project will be disseminated in class.

Grading:

- Exam 1: 20 points
- Exam 2: 20 points
- Final Exam: 25 points
- World Region Map Quizzes: 15 points
- World Region Presentation: 10 points
- Country Research Paper: 10 points

Disability Policy: Any student in this course who has a disability that may preclude demonstrating fully his or her abilities should contact me as soon as possible. We will discuss the accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and to facilitate education.

Plagiarism: I take plagiarism very seriously and will check your work. By enrolling in this course, the student expressly grants MSU a “limited right” in all intellectual property created by the student for the purpose of this course. The “limited right” shall include but shall not be limited to the right to reproduce the student’s work product in order to verify originality and authenticity, and educational purposes. The University’s *minimum penalty* for cheating or plagiarism is *a failure of assignment*. Cheating or plagiarism can lead to

expulsion from the university. If you have questions about original work, please consult the Student Handbook Code of Student Conduct section 10.

Calendar The following calendar represents the schedule of readings and topics for the course. The reading assignments are located under the date and topic. The instructor reserves the right to change the schedule.

Course Schedule

Introduction: Globalization and Global Studies

January 14: Introduction

- Syllabus

January 16: Globalization and Why it Matters

- Chapter One

January 18: Critical and Interdisciplinary Thinking

- Robert Corbett. 2000. "Basic Introduction to Critical Thinking"
- Janina Misiewicz. "The Benefits and Challenges of Interdisciplinarity" *Interdisciplinary Studies: A Connected Learning Approach*.

January 21: Martin Luther King Holiday

- No Class

January 23 & 25: Thinking Critically about Global Issues

- Critical Thinking Exercise

Section I: Governance

January 28 & 30: Nation State System

- CMS Chapter Two

February 1: North America

- Map Quiz 1

February 4 & 6: War

- CMS Chapter 10

February 8: South America

- Map Quiz 2

February 11 & 13: Origins of WWI

- Joseph Nye. 2000. "Balance of Power and WWI" in *Understanding International Conflict* Longman (D2L)

February 15: Europe

- Map Quiz 3

February 18 & 20: Origins WWII

- Joseph Nye. 2000. “The Failure of Collective Security and WWII” in *Understanding International Conflict* Longman (D2L)

February 22: Sub-Saharan Africa

- Map Quiz 4

February 25 & 27: International Organizations

- CMS Chapter Three

March 1: Exam One

- Study Guide One

Section II: Markets

March 4 & 6: International Political Economy

- Theodore Cohn. 2005. “Managing the Global Economy Since WWII: the Institutional Framework.” in *Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice* Pearson.

March 8: North Africa & The Middle East

- Map Quiz 5

March 11 & 13: Monetary Relations

- Theodore Cohn. 2005. "International Monetary Relations." in *Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice* Pearson.

March 15: South & Central Asia

- Map Quiz 6

March 18, 20, & 22: Spring Break

- No Class

March 25 & 27: Trade Relations

- Theodore Cohn. 2005. "Global Trade Relations." in *Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice* Pearson.

March 29: East Asia

- Map Quiz 7

April 1 & 3: International Development

- Theodore Cohn. 2005. "International Development." in *Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice* Pearson.

April 5: Exam Two

- Study Guide Two

Section I: People

April 8 & 10: Population and Migration

- CMS Chapter 6

April 12: South East Asia

- Map Quiz 8

April 15 & 17: Human Rights

- CMS Chapter 4

April 19: Easter Break

- No Class

April 22: The Global Environment

- CMS Chapter 5

April 24: Infectious Diseases and Globalization

- CMS Chapter 7

April 26: Oceania and the Pacific

- Map Quiz 9

April 29: The Gendered World

- CMS Chapter 8

May 1: Information And Communication Technologies

- CMS Chapter 9

May 3: Wrap up

- Catch Up

May 6: Final Exam: 8:00-10:00 am

- Study Guide Three