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SOC 115 Understanding Globalization

Summer 2024

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 56 hours

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course provides an interdisciplinary exploration of globalization, examining its historical roots, contemporary manifestations, and impacts on societies, economies, cultures, and politics worldwide. Through a combination of theoretical frameworks, case studies, and critical analysis, students will gain a deeper understanding of the complexities and dynamics of globalization in the modern world.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the historical development and key concepts of globalization;
2. Analyze the interconnectedness of commercial, cultural, and political globalization;
3. Discuss the relationship between industrial capitalism, technological change, the growth of transport networks, the acceleration of information flows, the spread of urbanization and the emergence of modern world;
4. Develop interdisciplinary research and analytical skills through scholarly engagement and presentations.

PREREQUISITES

None

GRADING

Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:



ITEM	POINTS
4 Assignments	20 Points
2 Quizzes	20 Points
Final Essay and Presentation	20 Points
Midterm Exam	15 Points
Final Exam	25 Points
Total	100 Points

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F$.

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Texts:

We do not have a specific textbook for this course, but there will be required online readings assigned each week.

Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:

None

COURSE TOPICS

MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	Topics: Topic 1: The Concept of 'Globalization' Topic 2: Historical Perspectives and Evolution Topic 3: The Dimensions of Globalization Topic 4: Creating the Modern World Assessments: Discussion #1 Assignment #1



Module 2	<p>Topics: Topic 5: Introducing Global Political Economy Topic 6: The Principles of Trade Topic 7: The WTO, The IMF and The World Bank Topic 8: Globalization and Economic Inequality</p> <p>Assessments: Discussion #2 Assignment #2 Quiz #1</p>
Module 3	<p>Topics: Topic 9: The Globalization of Development Topic 10: The Globalization of Politics and Democracy Topic 11: The Globalization of Human Rights and Justice Topic 12: The Globalization of Peace</p> <p>Assessments: Discussion #3 Assignment #3 Midterm Exam</p>
Module 4	<p>Topics: Topic 13: Multinational Corporations and Global Commodity Chains Topic 14: Racialization of Global Labor Topic 15: Globalization and Race Topic 16: Globalization of Ethics</p> <p>Assessments: Discussion #4 Assignment #4 Quiz #2</p>
Module 5	<p>Topics: Topic 17: Globalization in Asia, Africa, and Latin America Topic 18: Indigenous Resistance and Resilience Topic 19: Globalization in the Digital Age Topic 20: Globalization and Environmental Challenges</p> <p>Assessments: Final Essay and Presentation Final Exam</p>

ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.



Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.

LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50% or greater.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university



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administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

Please contact the University Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material.