

Syllabus for course GLOBALIZATION AND WORLD POLITICS

Course code:	IP_317
Course title:	Globalization and World Politics
Number of ECTS credits allocated:	7 (1 ECTS credit = 26 hours of workload)
Mode of completion:	graded course
Language of instruction:	English
Level of course and year of study:	bachelor (first cycle); master (second cycle)
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Aims of the course:

The aim of the course is to introduce the process and concept of globalization and its various aspects or dimensions, such as political, security, economic, societal, and environmental. To approach globalization in an interdisciplinary and critical manner. To apply the knowledge and skills to contemporary political/international issues and envision futures and/or solutions.

Learning outcomes and competences:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able:

- To understand globalization as a process and a concept.
- To appreciate and use an interdisciplinary approach to globalization.
- To apply the knowledge and identify/analyse contemporary political/international issues.
- To critically evaluate the opportunities and threats of globalization.
- To identify the questions, which need to be answered in order to manage the complex political/international reality.

Course content:

The course deals with the phenomenon of “globalization” and its academic reflections. It understands globalization as a historical process, which transforms not only economy or politics but human society and life as a whole. Therefore, apart from the dynamics of the process, it focuses on its qualitative dimensions. The first part of the course deals with abstract aspects of globalization, such as the process, ideology, and concept itself, the transformation of the State and emancipation of non-state actors, as well as the inconsistencies, threats, or conflicts inherent in globalization.

The second part focuses on empirical issues, such as security, economy, development, environment, migration, and science/technology and media. The concept of the course highlights the inseparability and mutual dependence of the various aspects and dimensions, the need for an interdisciplinary reflection and research, as well as the critical and normative/ethical approach to the study of globalization as a way to asking the right questions and providing feasible and legitimate practical political solutions to the opportunities and threats of globalization.

Course content

Week	Lecture	Seminar
1	General information and organization of the course, Q&A	World Politics and Development of globalization, basic terms, discussion
2	Global problems	Global problems – prioritizing <i>Readings:</i> Snarr – Global Issues Ted talk – B. Lomborg
3	Globalization and culture	Culture, religion in the current world <i>Readings:</i> Robertson
4	Political dimension Globalization and nation state, fragile states	State sovereignty <i>Readings:</i> Al-Rodhan-Stoudmann/Krasner Ted talk – S. Anholt
5	Globalization and non-state actors	Non-governmental organizations and their activities <i>Readings:</i> M. Shaw-Bond – NGO's Ted talk – J. Nye
6	Migration (basic terms and development) and integration policies Reading: Maldini and Thakahashi	Migration in the EU, current events Ted talk – A. Guterres Presentation: Integration policies/current migration challenges – a case study
7	Globalization and security, Copenhagen school Wars and conflicts Reading: Kay Ted talk – S. Pinker	Presentation: current conflict or security problem – case study (Syria, Ukraine, terrorism, Boko Haram...)
8	Mid-term test New wars and new types of conflict, Ted talk - drones Reading: M. Kaldor/ F. Khosrokhavar	Presentation: cyberterrorism/terrorism – a case study
9	Globalization and economy <i>Readings:</i> T. Piketty	Globalization and environment
10	Globalization and developing countries Video - Why are some countries rich and other poor?	Presentation: problems in developing/developed countries – case study (development aid, diseases, education, blood diamonds...)
11	Globalization and media, freedom of speech, post-truth	Presentation: media coverage, social media, propaganda – case study
12	Globalization and human rights	In-class essays

Learning activities, teaching methods and workload (hours):

Type of teaching method	Daily attendance
Participation in lectures	26 h
Preparation for lectures	19 h
Attendance at seminars/workshops/tutorials	26 h
Preparation for seminars/workshops/tutorials	20 h
Preparation of presentation	26 h
Preparation for mid-term test(s)	26 h
Preparation for final test	39 h
Total	182 h

Assessment methods and criteria:

Requirement type	Daily attendance
Active lecture/seminar/workshop/tutorial participation	40 %
Presentation	15 %
Mid-term test(s)	15 %
Final test	30 %
Total	100 %

Assignments

1) Active participation: maximum 40 points

- Attendance: max. 24 points (each lecture/seminar = 1 point)
- Activities: max. 16 points
 - Readings and Ted Talks will be discussed during the seminars
 - During each seminar, news and current events will be discussed
 - Active involvement in discussion after presentations during the second part of semester

2) Team presentations: maximum 15 points

- Ca. 5 presentations – broader topics given => to be narrowed down and specified by students
- Each presentation should take about 60 minutes and be as interactive as possible
- Students should prepare questions for discussion

3) Mid-term test: maximum 15 points

- During 8th week, in-class
- Multiple choice questions + open questions (short answers)

4) Final test: maximum 30 points

- Short essays (400-600 words)
- Based on lectures, students' presentations, news and readings
- In-class, during 12th week

Assessment:

Graded courses	
1	Excellent (90 - 100%)
2	Very good (75 - 89%)
3	Good (60 - 74%)
4	Insufficient (0 - 59%)

Ungraded courses	
P	Passed
NP	Not Passed

Special requirements and details:

none

Reading:

Type	Author	Title	Published in	Publisher	Year	ISBN	Library
RE	F.J. LECHNER - J. BOLI.	The Globalization Reader.			2012.	978-0-470-65563-4	
RE	J. BAYLIS - S. SMITH - P. OWENS.	The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations.			2013.	978-0-19-96517-2	
RE	J.N. ROSENAU.	The Study of World Politics:Volume 2: Globalization and Governance.			2006.	978-0415385497	
RE	J.-U. WUNDERLICH - M. WARRIER.	A Dictionary of Globalization.			2007.	978-1-85743-332-6	

RQ required

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