

**INTL 1100**  
**Introduction to Global Issues**  
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TR 9:30-10:45

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**Course Objectives**

The course is designed to familiarize students with a wide range of issues and problems associated with the process of globalization, including environment, population and food, distributive justice, human rights, terrorism, security, social systems, and cultural change. The course will help students enhance their “global literacy” in a way that they become more capable of understanding and analyzing the complexity of globalization, and help them function more effectively in the contemporary world.

**Course Requirements and Grading**

As classroom lectures will not replicate the assigned readings, attendance is necessary to successfully complete the course. Grading will be based on a midterm test (30%), a final examination (40%), and an essay (20%), and class attendance/participation (10%). The nature of the required essay and other pertinent matters will be clarified further on the first day of class.

**Reading Assignment**

Students must read the assigned readings before class. In addition to the two books listed below, news releases, book chapters, and journal articles will be assigned as needed.

Robert M. Jackson, *Annual Additions: Global Issues 05/06 (Annual Edition)*

Jan Aart Scholte, *Globalization: A Critical Introduction*, 2004 (second edition) (Scholte)

**Academic Honesty**

Students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic honesty. Students who violate university standards for academic honesty will be subject to severe penalties, including failing the course. University Honor Code and Academic Honesty Policy specify what behavior unique to the course could be academically dishonest. The link to more detailed information about academic honesty can be found at <http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon.htm>.

## Course Schedule and Topical Outline

### Week of Jan.9-13

#### Introduction: Problems Solving and Education

Based on the premise of “sociology of knowledge,” problem solving will be advanced as the purpose of learning.

### Week of Jan.16-20

#### Causes and Contrasting Perspectives of Globalization

In addition to the perspectives introduced in the textbooks, the instructor will advance a perspective of globalization as an extension of development. This necessitates a comprehensive analysis of the process of development leading to globalization.

“Globalization Debates” (Scholte)

“Defining Globalization” (Scholte)

“Globalization in History” (Scholte)

“Explaining Globalization” (Scholte)

“A Special Moment in History,” Bill McKibben (*Annual Edition*)

“America’s Sticky Power,” Walter Russell Mead (*Annual Edition*)

“Five Meta-Trends Changing the World,” David Pearce Snyder (*Annual Edition*)

“Holy Orders: Religious Opposition to Modern States,” Mark Juergensmeyer (*Annual Edition*)

“Development and Global Consequences,” Han S. Park (In *Human Needs and Political Development*) (To be distributed).

#### Global Issues: Areas of Global Problems

### Week of Jan.23-27

#### (1) Food Production and Population

“The Big Crunch,” Jeffrey Kluger (*Annual Edition*)

“Scary Strains, Anne Underwood and Jerry Adler, (*Annual Edition*)

“Bittersweet Harvest: The Debate Over Genetically Modified Crops,” Honor Hsin (*Annual Edition*)

### Week of Jan.30-Feb.3

#### (2) Sustainable Development (Environment and Resource)

“Deflating the World’s Bubble Economy,” Lester R. Brown, (*Annual Edition*)

“Shifting the Pain: World’s Resources Feed California’s Growing Appetite,” Tom Knudson (*Annual Edition*)

“Water Scarcity Could Overwhelm the Next Generation,” Janet L. Sawin (*Annual Edition*)

“Vanishing Alaska,” Margot Roosevelt (*Annual Edition*)

### **Week of Feb.6-10**

#### (3) (In)Justice

“Globalization and (In)Equality” (Scholte)

“Globalization and Marginalization,” Thomas M. Callaghy (from *Current History*, November 1997) [<http://www.mty.itesm.mx/dhcs/deptos/ri/ri95-801/lecturas/lec225.html>]

“Life is Unfair: Inequality in the World,” Nancy Birdsall (from *Foreign Policy*, Summer 1998) [<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/birdsall.htm>]

### **Week of Feb.13-17**

#### (4) Conflict

“The Transformation of National Security,” Philip Zelikow (*Annual Edition*)

“Nuclear Nightmares,” Bill Keller (*Annual Edition*)

“Lifting the Veil: Understanding the Roots of Islamic Militancy,” Henry Munson(*Annual Edition*)

“The Great War on Militant Islam,” Andrew C. McCarthy (*Annual Edition*)

“Changing Course on China,” Elizabeth Economy (*Annual Edition*)

“The Korea Crisis,” Victor D. Cha and David C. Kang (*Annual Edition*)

### **Week of Feb.20-24**

#### (5) (In)Security: Unconventional Sources

“Globalization and (In)Security” (Scholte)

### **Week of Feb.27-Mar.3**

#### (6) Cooperation, Global Order, Peace

“Strategies for World Peace: The View of the UN Secretary-General,” Kofi A. Annan (*Annual Edition*)

“Peace in Our Time,” *The Economist* (*Annual Edition*)

“The Ultimate Crop Insurance,” Janet Raloff (*Annual Edition*)

“Medicine Without Doctors,” Geoffrey Cowley(*Annual Edition*)

“The New Containment: An Alliance Against Nuclear Terrorism,” Graham Allison and Andrei Kokoshin(*Annual Edition*)

“Countdown to Eradication,” Anne Stein(*Annual Edition*)

**Week of Mar.6-10**

Midterm Exam

**Week of Mar. 13-17**

Spring Break

**Week of Mar.20-24**

(7) Global Governance?

“Globalization and Governance: From Statism to Polycentrism” (Scholte)

“Globalization and Identity: From Nationalism to Hybridization” (Scholte)

**Week of Mar. 27-31**

(8) Values, Ethics, Global Culture

“Globalization and Knowledge: From Rationalism to Reflexivity” (Scholte)

“What’s Wrong With This Picture?,” Mark Crispin Miller (*Annual Edition*)

“Are Human Rights Universal?,” Shashi Tharoor (*Annual Edition*)

“The Grameen Bank,” Muhammad Yunus (*Annual Edition*)

“America’s Looming Creativity Crisis,” Richard Florida (*Annual Edition*)

“Women Waging Peace,” Swanee Hunt and Cristina Posa (*Annual Edition*)

“Exploring the ‘Singularity’,” James John Bell (*Annual Edition*)

“Why Environmental Ethics Matters to International Relations,” John Barkdull  
(*Annual Edition*)

**Week of Apr.3-7**

(9) Ideology and Democratization

“Globalization and (Un)Democracy” (Scholte)

Global Futures

**Week of Apr.10-14**

(1) Economic Pulse of Globalization

“Globalization and Production: From Capitalism to Hypercapitalism” (Scholte)

“The Complexities and Contradictions of Globalization,” James N. Rosenau  
(*Annual Edition*)

“Three Cheers for Global Capitalism,” Johan Norberg(*Annual Edition*)

“The Five Wars of Globalization,” Moises Naim (*Annual Edition*)  
“Will Globalization Go Bankrupt?,” Michael Pettis (*Annual Edition*)  
“Soccer vs. McWorld,” Franklin Foer (*Annual Edition*)  
“Croesus and Caesar,” Richard Rosecrance (*Annual Edition*)  
“Where the Money Went,” James S. Henry (*Annual Edition*)  
“Render Unto Caesar: Putin and the Oligarchs,” Marshall I. Goldman (*Annual Edition*)  
“Is Chile a Neoliberal Success?,” James M. Cypher Renter (*Annual Edition*)  
“The Fall of the House of Saud,” Robert Baer (*Annual Edition*)  
“Thirty Years of Petro-Politics,” Daniel Yergin (*Annual Edition*)  
“India’s Hype, Hope, and Hazards,” Mahmood H. Butt (*Annual Edition*)  
“How Nike Figured Out China, Matthew Forney (*Annual Edition*)

### **Week of Apr.17-21**

(2) Global Futures as Desired

“(Re)constructing Future Globalization” (Scholte)

### **Week of Apr. 24-28**

#### Conclusion

From Rationality to Community

#### **Final Exam**

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