

Introductory Sociology of Globalization

Mondays & Wednesdays, 2-3:20PM, Tory Building Room TB-45

Course Professor

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The best way to contact me is at the end of lecture just outside the classroom. Use e-mail to set up appointments or for short queries only (sourayan@ualberta.ca).

You are welcome to see me personally if you have questions about course material, your term paper, exam etc.

This course is a lecture and discussion based, written research project-work oriented introduction to the **sociology of globalization**. The aim of the course is to develop a sociological understanding of social contradictions and global problems arising from the most important social force shaping our lives today: **the globalization of the culture of capitalism**. The course will take a historical approach to the topic, study several contemporary global social problems and also explore the importance of the sociological imagination for **democratic public debate** and **responsible citizenship**.

Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor

Course Objectives

- Deeper understanding of global roots and global consequences of the major social problems facing human beings today.
- Deeper understanding of globalization as a political process of social conflict and historical change.
- Deeper understanding of the contradictions of the global culture of capitalism.

Course Requirements

Mid Term Exam 30 per cent relative weight

On October 17th. 2018 In class. Time allowed 75 min. Short essay format based on study questions posted on the course website in advance.

Term Paper 40 per cent relative weight

Due on December 5th. 2018 10 typewritten pages. See Term Paper Guidelines for details.

Take Home Final Assignment 30 per cent relative weight

Due on December 12th. 2018.

Take home essay questions. Details on eclass.

Note that these requirement percentages describe relative weightings of each requirement, not accumulable points.

I very strongly advise you to start working on the term paper for this course as early in the semester as possible. The paper requires you to do library research and you may need time to familiarize yourself with library and other research resources.

Course Tutor: TBA

Required Texts

Global Problems and the Culture of Capitalism. 4/5/6th Ed. Richard H. Robbins. Allyn and Bacon: Boston, 2015/16.

Readings placed on reserve at Rutherford Library and/or available on course website.

Grading

As you know, the University of Alberta uses a letter grade system. For this reason, course work is always assigned a letter grade for its evaluation in this course. Your course work is evaluated according to criteria described in course guidelines and instruction documents and by comparison with student performance past and present. Your final grade will be decided through a comparative assessment of your overall performance in the course in consideration of your performance in each requirement and their relative weights.

Your final grade will therefore be determined by whether your work over the term can be characterized overall as either:

Grade	Description	GPV
A+	Excellent: original, exceptional outstanding in all respects	4.0
A	Excellent: distinctly outstanding work	4.0
A-	Excellent: careful, thorough and insightful work	3.7
B+	Good: insightful work in most respects	3.3
B	Good: very good, solid work	3.0
B-	Good: good work in most respects	2.7
C+	Satisfactory: good work in some respects	2.3
C	Satisfactory: satisfactory work	2.0
C-	Satisfactory: satisfactory but significant flaws	1.7
D+	Poor: Substantial incomprehension of course material	1.3
D	Minimal Pass	1.0
F	Fail	0

Course Policies

Grade Adjustment Policy on Written Work

Grades on **written work** only will be reconsidered if you can make a well-considered and convincing argument why it should be reconsidered. *Requests for reconsideration will only be accepted within one week from the day Term Paper grades are posted on the course website.* The term papers cannot be returned to you.

Submission and Late Policy

NB. In order to maintain fairness, late papers will be penalized one letter grade rank (ie. A+ becomes an A) per 3 days late. Papers must be submitted either in class or at the Sociology General Office Paper Cabinet (5-21 Tory). Papers left under doors will be considered late.

Deferred Course Requirements

If you miss the midterm or other course requirements due to illness, it is your responsibility to convince me reasonably that this is an excusable absence, and provide me with one of the following documents:

For medical illnesses, students can present one of the following:

"University of Alberta Medical Statement" signed by a doctor

"Medical Declaration Form for Students" (for Faculty of Arts students)

"Statutory Declaration" (for students in Faculties other than Arts, to be obtained from home Faculty or the Office of the Registrar)

For other acceptable absences, provide documentation appropriate to the situation.
For example:

For a death in the family - a copy of the death certificate

For a car accident - a copy of the accident report

For other serious afflictions - consult with Instructor or Department about appropriate documents

Note that I, as your instructor, am not allowed to grant you a deferral for a missed final exam. If you need to defer the final exam you will have to apply to your home Faculty to be granted a deferral.

Note that if you miss the midterm due to illness, you must present documentation supporting deferment within two working days or as soon as possible under the circumstances and for other excusable reasons within one week. For academic and athletic related travel you must submit documentation from your instructor, coach, etc. by January 21st. The University does not allow deferments to be granted for holiday travel.

Registered?

Make sure you are correctly and accurately registered in the courses you are taking by checking your class schedule on Bear Tracks. I am not given up-to-date student registration information until it is too late.

Plagiarism and Cheating

The University of Alberta is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are particularly urged to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Code of Student Behaviour. University sanctions are severe. They are so to protect the integrity of your efforts and achievements against fraud. If you are unsure how to use and cite sources in writing the case study paper ask your tutor for advice.

Student Services

"Students who require accommodations in this course due to a disability affecting mobility, vision, hearing, learning, or mental or physical health are advised to discuss their needs with Student Accessibility Services, 1-80 Students' Union Building, 492-3381 (phone) or 492-7269 (TTY)."

Official University Policy Notices

1. As per the Attendance section of the University Calendar, "A deferred final examination will not be approved if a student (a) has not been in regular attendance where attendance and/or participation are required, and/or, (b) excluding the final exam, has completed less than half of the assigned work."

2. Re: Plagiarism, once more:

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of facts and/or participation in an offence. Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from the University."

"Don't Do It" sheet at <http://tinyurl.com/cheating-plagiarism>

"Don't Cheat" sheet at www.governance.ualberta.ca/StudentAppeals/DontCheatsheet.aspx.

3. "Audio or video recording of lectures, labs, seminars or any other teaching environment by students is allowed only with the prior written consent of the instructor or as a part of an approved accommodation plan. Recorded material is to be used solely for personal study, and is not to be used or distributed for any other purpose without prior written consent from the content author(s)."

4. "Policy about course outlines can be found in Course Requirements, Evaluation Procedures and Grading of the University Calendar."

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