

Age of Globalization
Summer Session I

History 2984
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Course materials are also available through Blackboard: www.learn.vt.edu

The *Age of Globalization* is designed to look specifically at historical forces that have given rise to current patterns of global interdependence. This course examines themes, topics, and materials in the second half of the twentieth century that have shaped present-day processes known as “globalization.” Examples of such topics include the international politics of decolonization and the establishment of newly independent states, the transition from Cold War bipolarity to the unipolarity of United States power, the cultural trajectories of the mass market and the emerging power of transnational corporations, the economic structures of global dependency and stratification, the development of ethnic and religious communal networks, the “feminization” of global poverty and the emergence of multiple feminist positions, and the social consequences of environmental change, the spread of disease, and technological revolutions. On each of these levels, the emphasis will be on how patterns of globalization have been manifested in the societies and cultures of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The focus of attention in this history course will be on continuity and changes in the conceptualization, the structures, and the experience of globalization in specific chronological and geographical contexts. By stressing a broad understanding of the historical forces shaping contemporary structures and practices, this course will develop a grounded understanding of the causes and consequences of globalization.

Required books:

Hopkins, A. G. ed. *Globalization in World History* New York: Palgrave, 2002. ISBN: 0393979423
Stiglitz, Joseph. *Globalization and Its Discontents* New York: Norton, 2002. ISBN: 0393324397
Ehrenreich, Barbara and Arlie Russell Hochschild, eds., *Global Woman. Nannies, Maids, and Sex Workers in the New Economy* New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2004. ISBN 0805075097
Brown, D. Clayton. *Globalization and America Since 1945* Wilmington: Scholarly Resources, 2003. ISBN 0842050159
Esposito, John. *Unholy War. Terror in the Name of Islam* New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. ISBN 0195168860

Course requirements:

	% of grade
Exercises and participation in class discussion	20
Tests (June 3, June 10, and June 17)	30
Research paper on recent world history (due June 1)	10
Thematic paper on globalization (draft due June 15 and final paper due June 22)	30
Globalization forum and world newspapers	10
Total	100

This course is designed to encourage active learning, in which students’ engagement with the material, with the instructor, and with each other is essential to the process of learning. In order to understand the lectures, ask questions, and participate in the discussions, students should do the reading ahead of time, following the schedule outlined in the syllabus. Students are encouraged to ask questions during class, either to clarify lectures and readings or explore connections with contemporary events.

Date	Class Topic	Reading	Assignment
May 25	Defining globalization		Researching recent world history
May 26	Cold war as history	<i>Globalization and America</i> pp. pp.1-64	Historical analysis assignment due
May 27	America and the world	<i>Globalization and America</i> pp. 65-154	
June 1	Empires past and present	<i>Globalization in World History</i> pp. 1-115	Research paper due
June 2	Colonial cultures	<i>Globalization in World History</i> pp. 167-220	Paper topic due
June 3	Nationalism and identity	<i>Globalization in World History</i> pp. 244-263	Test
June 8	Islam: faith and politics	<i>Unholy War</i> (entire book)	Summary of paper discussion due
June 9	Human rights in the world	<i>Global Woman</i> pp. 1-30, 85-103, 142-153, 254-274	Outline and bibliography due
June 10	Gender equality	<i>Global Woman</i> pp. 154-168, 207-229	Test
June 15	Economic structures	<i>Globalization and its Discontents</i> pp. 3-88, 133-165	Draft due
June 16	Cultures in conflict	<i>Globalization and its Discontents</i> pp. 180-194	
June 17	History and the future	<i>Globalization and its Discontents</i> pp. 214-252	Test
June 22		(No Class)	Thematic paper due

Tests: One hour, 11-12 am Thursdays (50 points)

Multiple choice: 10 questions @ 1 point (20%) based primarily on readings and lectures

Short answer: 10 questions @ 2 points (40%) based primarily on assignments, readings, and lectures

Essay: 2 questions (choice of 4) @ 10 points (40%) based primarily on discussion and assignments

Tests will be open note (but *not* open book). Tests will be written in blue books, which students should obtain and bring to the class.