Globalization: Economic and Ethical Perspectives  
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Course Objectives and Description

The objective of this interdisciplinary, team-taught course is to address the complexities of globalization. The term “globalization” describes, in part, both the fact of our growing interconnectedness—economic, environmental, political, and social—and the active pursuit of ever greater political and economic integration through international institutions such as the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization. This ongoing process raises a number of practical, economic, and ethical questions, and this course will attempt to introduce and evaluate a number of these from both economic and ethical perspectives. We will investigate such things as the architecture of international finance; the nature and objectives of the U.N., I.M.F., and W.T.O.; the economic cases for and against free trade; and the effects of expanded global trade on labor, income distribution, and the environment in developed and developing countries. The objective of the course is to help students develop a better economic and ethical understanding of globalization.

Course Requirements

a) Attendance and participation will constitute significant components of your final grade (25%). You are expected to attend class and to be prepared to engage in critical discussion on the thinkers and topics assigned. This means that you need to read all of the material carefully prior to class. An inability to respond to our questions or to participate in our classroom conversations will adversely affect your final grade. Unexcused absences and chronic tardiness will also adversely affect your final grade. Your presence and participation are for your own benefit and for the benefit of your classmates. Learning is a social activity; we learn best when we learn together. We anticipate learning a great deal from all of you, and we hope that you will learn from one another and from us as the semester progresses.
b) You must write 3 papers of ~10 pages each over the course of the semester (double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font). More detailed formatting instructions will be provided. Each of these papers will constitute 25% of your final grade. Due dates for the response papers are indicated on the syllabus, and we will explain the topics in more detail in class. We will be happy to meet with you individually as our schedules allow to go over drafts and to suggest revisions. We also recommend the use of the Writing Center (Old Falvey Hall, Dalton Room 2002, ext. 9-4694). There are no extensions except in cases of exceptional need (if you’re not sure, then it’s not exceptional). Late papers will receive a grade-unit deduction for each day they are late (i.e., an “A” paper turned in a day late would become an “A-,” and so on).

c) Class presentations as time permits and at faculty discretion (presentations will serve as a contribution to your class-participation grade)

d) There will be no midterm or final exam for this course. Your final grade will be determined completely by your participation and your papers.

Students with Learning Disabilities

It is the policy of Villanova University to make reasonable academic accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability and wish to request accommodations to compete your course requirements, please make an appointment with us as soon as possible to discuss the request. If you would like information on documentation requirements, contact the Office of Learning Support Services at 610-519-5636, or visit the office in Geraghty Hall. It is the student’s responsibility to request accommodations.

Academic Integrity

You are responsible for knowing and abiding by the Villanova Code of Academic Integrity (see http://www.academics.villanova.edu/AcademicIntegrity.html). If you have questions regarding aspects of this code, please feel free to discuss them with us. Violation of this code may result in a failing grade for the course depending on the severity of the case; at the very least, violation of the code will result in a very significant reduction in your final grade for the course.

Changes to the Syllabus

This syllabus is subject to change at our discretion. We will, however, communicate changes clearly to you in class and in writing, and such changes, if any, will hopefully be minor. Readings are identified by the authors’ last names and page range. Reading assignments are for the day indicated, meaning that you need to have the material read for that day’s class.
Texts for Purchase

4) You will be assigned additional readings, including several articles from a forthcoming issue of the *Journal of Catholic Social Teaching* and portions of a publication of Oxfam.

**JANUARY**

**Week 1**
Tuesday 1/18  Introduction to course: objectives, requirements, and expectations
Discussion of some basic ethical concepts
Short film—“The Seattle Syndrome”

**Week 2**

**In Defense of Globalization**
Tuesday 1/25  Bhagwati, part 1, pp. ix–48

**FEBRUARY**

**Week 3**
Tuesday 2/1  Bhagwati, part 2, pp. 51–121

**Week 4**
Tuesday 2/8  Bhagwati, part 2, pp. 122–95

**Week 5**
Tuesday 2/15  Bhagwati, parts 3–4, pp. 199–265

**Week 6**

**Globalization and Its Discontents**
Tuesday 2/22  Stiglitz, chaps. 1–3, pp. ix–88

**FIRST PAPER ON A TOPIC IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE DUE IN CLASS**

**MARCH**

**Week 7**
Tuesday 3/1  Stiglitz, chaps. 4–6, pp. 89–179

**Week 8**
Monday 3/7–Friday 3/12  No classes—Spring Break
Week 9
Tuesday 3/15
Stiglitz, chaps. 7–9, pp. 180–258

Week 10

One World: The Ethics of Globalization

Tuesday 3/22
Singer, chaps. 1–2, pp. ix–50

Week 11
Tuesday 3/29
Singer, chap. 3, pp. 51–105
SECOND PAPER ON A TOPIC IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL
FINANCE DUE IN CLASS

APRIL
Week 12
Tuesday 4/5
Singer, chap. 4, pp. 106–49

Week 13
Tuesday 4/12
Singer, chaps. 5 and 6, pp. 150–201

Week 14
Tuesday 4/19
Class presentations as time permits

Week 15
Tuesday 4/26
Class presentations as time permits
THIRD PAPER ON A TOPIC IN THE AREA OF THE ETHICS OF
GLOBALIZATION DUE IN CLASS

MAY
Week 16
Tuesday 5/3
No class—Friday class schedule