GLST G101: Introduction to Global Studies

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#### Item

Curriculum Committee Approval

Date

Units

Hours

**Total Outside of Class Hours** 

**Course Credit Status** 

Material Fee Basic Skills

Repeatable

**Grading Policy** 

Local General Education (GE)

California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth)

#### Value

05/04/2021

3 Total Units

54 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 54)

0

Credit: Degree Applicable (D)

No

Not Basic Skills (N)

No

Standard Letter (S),

- · Pass/No Pass (B)
- · GWC Soc, Pol, Econ (GD)
- Cal-GETC 4 Social & Behavioral Sciences (4)
- IGETC 4 Social&Behavioral Sci (4)
- CSU D7 Interdisciplinary Study (D7)

## **Course Description**

Formerly: PSCI G105. This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of Global Studies. Topics will include the history of globalization and an examination of the process of globalization, including the inter-relatedness of economic, political, social, cultural, ecological and technological factors and developments. Transfer Credit: CSU; UC. C-ID: GLS 101.C-ID: GLS 101.

## Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

- 1. Course Outcomes
- 2. Identify globalization as an historical process.
- 3. Examine the conflicting conceptualizations of globalization.
- Analyze the inter-relatedness of economic, political, social and ecological factors.
- 5. Examine the various causes of globalization and its evolution.

# **Course Objectives**

- 1. Identify the transformative powers of globalization in the political, economic and cultural dimensions of contemporary social life.
- 2. Identify and describe various definitions and meanings of globalization and assess perspectives both in favor of and against globalization.
- · 3. Describe globalizations history and identify regional differences.
- 4. Analyze the economic, political, cultural, and ecological dimensions of globalization, including controversies associated with each.
- 5. Connect the various aspects of globalization with contemporary world developments and problems.

#### **Lecture Content**

Introduction to Globalization Divergent definitions of globalization Understanding globalization as a process Key concepts including inter-connectedness Discussion of the concept of global citizenship Understanding the historical context and dynamics of globalization including its causes, its evolution and the role of geography, technology and communication Pre-historic period Pre-modern period Modern period Discussion of geographic differences Discussion of the role of communication Discussion of the role of technology Study of the economic dimension of globalization Key features of the global economy and its evolution Economic ideologies International trade and finance Case studies of one or more international/transnational economic institutions Discussion of the key features of the global economy and its evolution Discussion of economic ideologies that favor economic integration and of controversies related to global economic integration Study of the political dimension of globalization The role and power of the nation-states and state-actors The role and power of emerging non-state actors Discussion concerning the global civil society The growing scope of international law The growing threats to global security Case studies of one or more international governmental organization, transnational organization and/or non-governmental organization Discussion of the controversies regarding the scope of global governance Study of the cultural dimension of globalization Culture as an evolving force The role of language, religion, ideology, and/or technology The globalizat ion of culture The role of social media Case studies of one or more social movement Discussion of controversies, such as the influence of western culture, and of the "clash of civilizations"/cultures concept Study of the environmental /ecological dimension of globalization Population trends Inequality and resource availability Global damage Case studies of one or more natural resource(s), including availability, sustainability and distribution Discussion of questions related to the governance of the commons Study of the inter-relatedness of economic, social, political and environmental factors and developments

#### Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture (02)
- DE Live Online Lecture (02S)
- DE Online Lecture (02X)

#### **Instructional Techniques**

Lectures utilizing new technology Interactive Discussions

#### **Reading Assignments**

Complete reading assignments in the assigned required text(s). Complete required online reading assignments from a variety of scholarly websites and journals.

### **Writing Assignments**

Written essays or other projects (i.e. interactive assignments) in which students will analyze the effect of technology on the process of globalization. Written essays or other projects (i.e. interactive assignments) in which students will analyze the history of globalization. written term papers in which students will utilize course content, investigative methods and technologies to assess the various arguments concerning globalization as a real phenomenon.

#### **Out-of-class Assignments**

Primary research including interviews and attendance at scholarly lectures. Participation in discussions, presentations, and debates.

Secondary research utilizing scholarly journals, books, articles and online resources/databases.

#### **Demonstration of Critical Thinking**

Students will demonstration critical thinking throughout the course by Assessing the various debates concerning both the causes and effects of globalization; Analyzing the inter-connectedness of social/cultural, economic, political, and environmental elements; Examining advancements in communication and technology and their role in the globalization process.

### **Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration**

Written essays or other projects (i.e. interactive assignments) in which students will summarize and analyze opposing viewpoints, their assumptions and arguments, ideological foundations, and strengths and weaknesses. Research project in which students will utilize course content, appropriate investigative methods and technologies to analyze the impacts caused by globalization and write a college-level research paper that suggests solutions utilizing system thinking. Oral presentation, discussion and/or debate of their findings and their own interpretation of factual information.

#### **Eligible Disciplines**

Economics: Masters degree in economics OR bachelors degree in economics AND masters degree in business, business administration, business management, business education, finance, or political science OR the equivalent. Masters degree required. History: Masters degree in history OR bachelors degree in history AND masters degree in political science, humanities, geography, area studies, womens studies, social science, or ethnic studies OR the equivalent. Masters degree required. Political science: Masters degree in political science, government, or international relations OR bachelors degree in any of the above AND masters degree in economics, history, public administration, social science, sociology, any ethnic studies, J.D., or LL.B. OR the equivalent. Masters degree required.

#### **Textbooks Resources**

 Required Steger, Manfred. Globalization: A Very Short Introduction,
oxford University Press, 2020 2. Required Smallman, Shawn and Kimberly Brown. Introduction to International and Global Studies, ed. UNC Press, 2020