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Course Syllabus

POL 494-SIS

The Political Impact of Globalization on the European Union

Course Description

Globalization continues to shape our world, and while it has created opportunity for the nations that make up the European Union, it has also created challenges and consequences. During this course, students will gain an understanding of globalization and explore the ways that globalization has impacted the politics and policies of EU member countries and the European Union as a whole.

This Supervised Independent Study (SIS) course will guide students through the basic principles of the political impact of globalization on the European Union, while providing the opportunity for an independent exploration of the subject.

Course Objectives

Upon the completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Define globalization
2. Explain the multi-dimensional nature of globalization
3. Understand how globalization has affected the European Union and specific countries
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the political aspects of globalization
5. Think critically about solutions to globalization issues from a political perspective
6. Review the European Union's global image
7. Consider the future of the political impact of globalization on the European Union

Course Requirements

This course requires independent research, organization, and academic discipline. Students are expected to complete the required and additional readings in pace with their assignments and the course outline. Students will meet with their SIS Coordinator regularly throughout the course for consultation and assistance. There will be an oral presentation, a midterm exam, a final exam, and five essay assignments.

Essay #1 (minimum length: 1,000 words)

- Define globalization

- Explain the multi-dimensional nature of globalization
- Describe the political aspects of globalization
- Explain current perspectives of globalization in the European Union

Essay #2 (minimum length: 1,000 words)

- Analyze the following with respect to Britain:
 - Global political organizations that Britain is a member of
 - The political relationship of Britain with the EU
 - The impact of Brexit
 - The political impact of globalization on Britain
 - Future of globalization and Britain's relationship with the EU

Prepare a reflection essay on the aspects you have reviewed and analyzed. Summarize what you have found through your research, and what you've perceived during your time in Britain.

Essay #3 (minimum length: 1,000 words)

- Analyze the following with respect to France:
 - Global political organizations that France is a member of
 - The political relationship of France with the EU
 - The political impact of globalization on France
 - Future of globalization and France's relationship with the EU

Prepare a reflection essay on the aspects you have reviewed and analyzed. Summarize what you have found through your research, and what you've perceived during your time in France.

Essay #4 (minimum length: 1,000 words)

- Analyze the following with respect to Germany:
 - Global political organizations that Germany is a member of
 - The political relationship of Germany with the EU
 - The political impact of globalization on Germany
 - Future of globalization and Germany's relationship with the EU

Prepare a reflection essay on the aspects you have reviewed and analyzed. Summarize what you have found through your research, and what you've perceived during your time in Germany.

Essay #5 (minimum length: 1,000 words)

- Analyze the following with respect to Italy:
 - Global political organizations that Italy is a member of
 - The political relationship of Italy with the EU
 - The political impact of globalization on Italy
 - Future of globalization and Italy's relationship with the EU

Prepare a reflection essay on the aspects you have reviewed and analyzed. Summarize what you have found through your research, and what you've perceived during your time in Italy.

Presentation

Deliver a 15-minute PowerPoint presentation summarizing the main findings of your independent study. Required components include:

- Summary of your goals and objectives
- Overview of the political impact of globalization on the European Union

- Findings as they apply to Britain
- Findings as they apply to France
- Findings as they apply to Germany
- Findings as they apply to Italy
- Reflection on what you've learned through the SIS course

Required Readings

Globalization: A Very Short Introduction

by Manfred B. Steger
Oxford, 4th Ed., 2017

Globalization and Its Discontents Revisited: Anti-Globalization in the Era of Trump

by Joseph E. Stiglitz
W.W. Norton & Company, 2018

Reflection Paper on Harnessing Globalization

by Frans Timmermans and Jyrki Katainen
European Commission, 2017

[Available online as a PDF](#)

Recommended Readings

Talking globalisation in Paris, blog post by Cecilia Malmstrom for the European Commission, June 2017

[Available online](#)

The Truth About Globalization, by Adi Ignatius, Harvard Business Review, July-August 2017

[Available online](#)

Additional Readings

Identify 5-10 additional readings (online or printed text) to complement your independent study of the political impact of globalization on the European Union.

Components of Final Grade

Midterm exam	20%
Final exam	20%
Essay #1	10%
Essay #2	10%
Essay #3	10%
Essay #4	10%
Essay #5	10%
Presentation	10%

Grading Scale

93-100 %	A
90-92.9 %	A-
87-89.9 %	B+
83-86.9 %	B
80-82.9 %	B-
77-79.9 %	C+
73-76.9 %	C

70-72.9%	C-
67-69.9 %	D+
63-66.9 %	D
60-62.9 %	D-
Below 60 %	F

Course Outline

Module 1: Understanding Globalization

- Globalization: A Contested Concept
- Globalization in History: Is Globalization a New Phenomenon?
- Taking Stock of Globalization and Its Effects
- The Failures of Globalization

Module 2: Dimensions of Globalization

- The Multiple Dimensions of Globalization
- The Economic Dimension of Globalization
- The Political Dimension of Globalization
- The Cultural Dimension of Globalization
- The Ecological Dimension of Globalization

Module 3: Globalization in Britain

Module 4: Globalization and Its Discontents

- The Promise of Global Institutions
- Broken Promises
- Freedom to Choose?

Module 5: Globalization in France

Module 6: Ideologies of Globalization

- Market Globalism
- Justice Globalism
- Religious Globalisms

Module 7: Europe's External Response

- International Cooperation to Shape Globalization, Economic Diplomacy, and Instruments to Ensure a Level Playing Field

Module 8: Globalization in Germany

Module 9: Globalization in Italy

Module 10: Europe's Internal Response

- Building Resilience Through Better Sharing of Benefits and Promotion of Long-Term Competitiveness

Module 11: The Future of Globalization

- Looking Ahead
- The Way Ahead

Academic Integrity

Ramon Llull University, Franklin University Switzerland, and the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart place a high value on the integrity, good conduct, and academic honesty of all students. Students are expected to maintain high standards of academic integrity at all times. Any instance of academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, will result in a grade of F for the course.