



# Northwood University Course Syllabus

HIS4020 Global World Issues- 4 credit hours- Spring 2015

## Instructor

Instructor: Dave Jaye, Masters of Public Policy Studies, Ph.D. studies Economics/Political Science

## Texts/Course Materials

### Textbook:

John T. Rourke, *Global World Issues* (McGraw-Hill Companies, 2010)

## Course Description

An examination of pertinent history and projected future events that will shape our world, particular emphasis will be placed on current global economic, political and social issues.

## Prerequisite

Junior Status

## Goals and Objectives

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

1. Understand the background of several key problem areas of the world through an examination of the recent history of these regions and the various forces producing conflict.
2. Be able to see current political and social event in their historical settings.
3. Understand the impact of events in the problem areas in the context of the global struggle.
4. Have an enhanced ability to think about global issues in a critical, creative, and effective manner – both individually (on your own) and collectively (with a team).

## Northwood University Educational Outcomes

Courses of study at Northwood are practical and guided by a set of outcomes designed to produce graduates who:

- ◆ Understand the tradition of freedom.
- ◆ Have a broad, practical understanding of their chosen field.
- ◆ Are familiar with the ideas driving enterprise leaders.
- ◆ Communicate effectively in speech and writing.
- ◆ Understand complex global forces.
- ◆ Have a constant attraction to new ideas.
- ◆ Have articulated personal values.
- ◆ Understand the business/arts relationship.
- ◆ Are effective self-evaluators.
- ◆ Seek lifelong education

## Required Work/Grading system

## Assessment

- ◆ Two Exams: a mid-term and a final (25 points each) 50%
  - ◆ Research essays and Homework 20%
  - ◆ Individual research paper 10%
  - ◆ Group presentation 10%
  - ◆ Attendance and Participation/Business Etiquette 10%
- 100%

**Grading scale: (based on raw percentage of total points) Note: 60 is passing**

NUMERIC GRADE	LETTER GRADE	HONOR POINTS	NUMERIC GRADE	LETTER GRADE	HONOR POINTS
94 - 100 %	A	4	74 - 76 %	C	2
90 - 93%	A-	3.7	70 - 73%	C-	1.7
87 - 89%	B+	3.3	67 - 69%	D+	1.3
84 - 86%	B	3	64 - 66%	D	1
80 - 83%	B-	2.7	*60 - 63%	D-	0.7
77 - 79%	C+	2.3	Below 60%	F	0

### **Cheating/Plagiarism:**

The Northwood University Catalog states the following: **Plagiarism and Cheating:** Academic integrity is an important value at Northwood University. We consider all forms of cheating a serious academic infraction. A student guilty of plagiarism and/or cheating will be penalized, based on the instructor's judgment, in some way. Often, the punishment is failure for the entire course.”

### **Classroom policies:**

- You are required to participate in classroom discussions. Questions, doubts, opinions and disagreements are highly appreciated! **Read your book prior to class.**
- Discussions will contain information not available in the book. If you have to miss classes due to illness or an emergency please let me know.
- We will watch a number of short videos, which will help you to understand the issues
- Plagiarism and/or cheating will result in a zero on the assignment/test and may result in failure of this course.
- I don't accept any late work; work is submitted after the bell rings. Please staple all work of more than 1 page and include your name, student number, and date.
- The use of cell phones, iPads, and other digital devices is not allowed in the class. Please leave them at home or put in the front of the room.
- IMPORTANT aspects are to learn, improve your thinking and writing skills, and have fun.

### **Class Outline**

Introduction to class; syllabus; expectations

1. *Issue 1: Is Economic Globalization a Positive Trend?*
  - Globalization Theories (Lecture)
  - World System Theory

- Homework Format, Team Assignments for Power Point
- Lecture on Globalization

**(Week 3)**

2. *Issue 2: Does Globalization Threaten Cultural Diversity?* Presentation via Powerpoint (Ppt)
  - World Cultural Theory (discussion from handout)
  - How to write an essay (review pres. PPT)

**(Week 4)**

Homework feedback, makeup class in advance.

**National Week Thursday, Oct 1-to Wed Oct 7 (Enjoy your time off)**

3. *Issue 10: Is WTO Membership Beneficial?*

*APA Style Ppt*

**(Week 6)**

4. *Issue 4: Should the US Substantially limit its Global Involvement?*

*Team topics chosen on global issues*

**Mid-term (Friday afternoon 10/16 130-300 or 325 to 500; Covers material to Issue 10 & WTO)**

**(Week 7)**

5. *Issue 5: Has Russia become Undemocratic and Antagonistic?*

*Team Meetings on Research Topics; Presentations on Topics*

**(Week 8)**

6. *Issue 6: Are Warnings about Global Warming Unduly Alarmist?*

*Draft Global Team Issue Presentation due (13-14 slides)*

**(Week 9)**

7. *Final Global Issue Presentation due/delivered, class review and professor questions*

*Team Meeting with Professor on Mark*

**(Week 10)**

8. *Research Paper (Individual) Global Issue Topics Chosen and Approved/Assigned*

*How to write a research paper Ppt*

**(Week 11)**

9. *Draft Ind. Global Issue papers (2-3 pages total) and references due*

**(Week 12)**

10. *Final Global Ind. Issue Research Paper Due (5-7 pages of writing, references, cover to total 10 max)*

**(Week 13)**

11. *Team Presentations*

**(Week 14)**

Team Presentations

Review for final exam

**(Week 15)**

Course Evaluation

Final Exam (not culmulative; open book)

(Week 16) projected for Friday December 18 from 130 to 300 or 325 to 500 pm