

## **POLITICS, WAR AND ECONOMICS IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION** *Economics and Politics*

**Course contact hours:** 45

**Recommended credits:** 6 ECTS – 3 US

### OBJECTIVES

This course aims to offer a global introduction to World Politics and Economics studying different theories and perspectives explained by different authors since 1991. Of course, a historical introduction is needed to understand how the current political world was built, as we know it now. Using a short history of Europe and its technological hegemony we will study how Europeans conquered and organized the world.

By studying the International Relations under the Cold War students will cover how two superpowers organized two areas of influence creating two minor globalizations. But also, with the collapse of the Soviet Union students will study how the institutions that managed the Western Globalization during the Cold War (1945-1991) became the new institutions of the unified and global world since 1991.

In the last part of the course, students will revise the major perspectives on Globalization and how globalization is shaped everyday by the interactions of billions of people through some of the most important events since 1991.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students should demonstrate: responsibility & accountability, independence & interdependence, goal orientation, self-confidence, resilience, appreciation of differences.

They will be able to communicate their ideas and research findings in both oral and written forms.

### CONTENTS

Globalization: a constructed concept

Globalization: its unclear origins

Globalization as a process

Globalization as Modernity

Globalization as Westernization

Globalization as Americanization

## EVALUATION

Evaluation

Mid-Term Exam 25%

Attendance & Participation 25%

Presentation 20%

Quiz 15%

Final Exam 15%

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

Required Reading:

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Globalization.

[<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/globalization/>]

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CHAPTER 1: Globalization

CHAPTER 2: Theorizing Globalization

CHAPTER 3: Structuring the Global Economy

CHAPTER 4: Global Economic Flows

CHAPTER 5: Global Political Structures and Processes

CHAPTER 6: High-Tech Global Flows and Structures

CHAPTER 7: Global Culture and Cultural Flows

CHAPTER 8: Global Flows of Migrants

CHAPTER 9: Global Environmental Flows

CHAPTER 10: Negative Global Flows and Processes

CHAPTER 11: Economic Power and Inequality

CHAPTER 12: Global Inequalities II

CHAPTER 13: Dealing with, Resisting, and the Future of Globalization

Recommended Reading:

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