



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME

**POLS 365: Special Topic: The Comparative Politics of Globalisation
20 POINTS**

TRIMESTER 2 2016

Key dates

Trimester dates: 11 July to 13 November 2016

Teaching dates: 11 July to 16 October 2016

Mid-trimester break: 22 August to 4 September 2016

Last assessment item due: 10 October 2016

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds.

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test in the last three weeks of teaching, or an examination, it may instead be possible to apply for an aegrotat (refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats).

Class times and locations

Lectures: Mondays 12.00-13.50; and Wednesdays 12.00-12.50

Venue: Hunter LT119

The class is taught as a mixture of lecture and open discussion. For more detail see below.

Names and contact details

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Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that your account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or seminar programme will be advised by email, announced in lectures, and/or posted on the POLS365 Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course focuses on the domestic politics of globalisation, primarily in the developed democracies. Does it constrain governments to a strict neo-liberal policy agenda? Does it diminish democracy? Does it generate insecurity and inequality, or point the way to a more prosperous and peaceful future?

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. explain the domestic politics of globalisation in democracies and autocracies
2. compare and contrast policy responses to globalisation
3. demonstrate understanding of how globalisation impacts in a range of developed and developing states
4. recognise the ways in which globalisation can empower and constrain governments.

Teaching format

The course will be taught in a weekly two-hour and one-hour classes that will combine lecturing and interactive discussion, with more emphasis on the latter in the last half of the 2-hour class. Students are expected to read material listed for each week as a basis for informed discussion.

Workload

In accordance with University Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to POLS 365 throughout the trimester. The table provides an approximate indication of the hours to be spent on each component of the course.

Component	Hours
Attending class meetings	36
Readings and preparation for class	39
In-class midterm test	40
Research paper	50
In-class final test	35
Total hours estimated	200

Assessment

Assessment items	Weight in Final grade (%)	CLO(s)	Due date
1 In-class 2-hr mid-trimester test	35%	1, 2, 3, 4	15 August
2 Research essay (3000 to 3250 words)	40%	1, 2, 3, 4	5 October
3 In-class 2-hr final test	25%	1, 2, 3, 4	10 October

Further assignment instructions and marking criteria will be communicated during the trimester.

Submission and return of work

Assignments are to be submitted via Turnitin on Blackboard. Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted material on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions is not made available to any other party.

Instructions on how to submit your assignments are provided on Blackboard. A (stapled) hard-copy of the assignments, with the programme cover sheet, must also be submitted in the slots provided in the School Office (MY518). Marked assignments will be returned to you in class, generally between 1-2 weeks after the date submitted, and then returned to the School Office, MY 518, where they can be collected between the hours of 2.00-3.00 pm, Monday to Friday. Students will be notified via Blackboard when graded assignments are available (generally between 1-2 weeks after the date submitted).

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

The development of work discipline and time management skills are an important part of the education process and it is expected that each student takes responsibility for allocating sufficient time for their studies.

Late submission of **assignments will not be accepted** unless the student makes an appointment as soon as practically possible with the course coordinator to explain the lateness (preferably before the assignment is due to be submitted). The circumstances under which an extension will be considered are outlined in section 3.2.1 of the Assessment Handbook.

(See: www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf).

Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of assignments – **a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days**. Penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds (for example, illness [presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary] or similar other contingencies). In all such cases, prior information will be necessary. Extensions on deadlines for written work will only be granted under exceptional circumstances.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism – presenting someone else's ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism here: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism.

Set texts

There is no set text but readings will be made available on Blackboard. More detail will be found on the course pages on Blackboard.

Recommended reading

A list of recommended reading is available on Blackboard.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course.

Student feedback

This trimester, this course is taught by a new instructor. So, there is no prior student feedback. The instructor, however, is eager to hear from the students.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Special passes: refer to the *Assessment Handbook*, at www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Terms and conditions: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz