

# **Brief Course Outline**

**Course Title:** Introduction to Global Culture

**Course Number and Section: CGS** 

1021G 550

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### **Course Description:**

In Introduction to Global Culture, the student will be introduced to past and contemporary debates over what it means to be a part of an interconnected and globalized world. We will explore complex matters such as global v. local tensions and relationships; neoliberalism and neocolonialism; cultural productions and their impact; North-South connections; and a variety of fundamental topics such as arts, sports, economics, entertainment, and more.

# **Learning Outcomes:**

gain insight into the power imbalances behind the globalization structure.

entice students and broaden their interests by exposing them to a wide array of authors, artists, and cultural productions outside a West-centered axis.

to improve their writing and communication skills, media literacy, creativity, and autonomy.

recognize and articulate the North-South connections that shape our globalized world, fostering a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted aspects of global culture.

#### **Textbooks and Course Materials:**

## Readings:

Pieterse, Jan Nederveen. 2020. "Chapter 4: Globalization and Culture: Three Paradigms." In Globalization and Culture: Global Melange, 59-80. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.

Smith, K. E. I. (2018). What Is Globalization?. In Sociology of Globalization (pp. 3-10). Routledge

Carrithers, M. (1990). Why humans have cultures. SELECTED PARTS

Heersmink, R. (2021). Materialised identities: Cultural identity, collective memory, and artifacts. Review of Philosophy and Psychology, 1-17.

Williams, L. (1999). Hard Core: Power, Pleasure, and the "frenzy of the Visible". Univ of California Press. SELECTED PARTS

Nixon, Rob. 2011. "Introduction." In Slow Violence, 1-14. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press

Rothe, D., & Friedrichs, D. (2014). Crimes of globalization. Routledge. SELECTED PARTS

Klein, Naomi. No Logo. Picador USA, 1999. SELECTED PARTS

Horkheimer, Max and Theodor Adorno. (2002). "The Culture Industry: Enlightenment as Mass Deception." SELECTED PARTS

Sirota, David. (2011) 25 years later, how 'Top Gun' made America love war

Jenner, M. (2018). Netflix and the Re-invention of Television. Springer. SELECTED PARTS

Lulkowska, A. (2020). Parasite: at last the Oscars jumps the 'one-inch' subtitles barrier. The Conversation UK.

Leigh Brownhill & Terisa E. Turner (2020) Ecofeminist Ways, Ecosocialist Means: Life in the Post-capitalist Future.

Ramon, P. (2023, June). A "women-only" village? The truth is much more complex—and fascinating.

Troubled Treasures by Andrew Curry. 2023. National Geographic Magazine.

Murrell, D. (2000). African influences in modern art. Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History. The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Movies and videos:

Globalization: Winners and losers in world trade

Baraka

**Exposing Muybridge** 

Globalization: Profits over people

No Logo

How Hollywood Sells Us War

The Hunger Games

Podcast:

Hallyu: How the Korean Wave Is Sweeping Global Culture

### **Methods Of Evaluation:**

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	ongoing	15
Labs	Week 1-3	10
Group Project	03/01/2024	15
Quiz 1	01/31/2024	5
Quiz 2	02/28/2024	5
Quiz 3	03/27/2024	5
Midterm Exam	02/12/2024	15

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Final Essay	04/03/2024	30

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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