

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Dicourses of Global Studies**

Course Number and Section:

CGS

2003F 550

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Course Description:

In Discourses of Global Studies, students will learn how methods and objects of inquiry in global studies are formed in the limiting and productive interplay of ideas, language, and social/political forces. This course will cover world events and politics from a large array of perspectives, including theories and concepts from history, sociology, anthropology, literature, and media studies produced in both the Global South and North. Students will develop a lexicon and interdisciplinary toolbox to better understand, research, and tackle key global issues as they overlap and blend with local challenges and inequalities. Students will have access to a large array of texts and cultural productions from all over the world, ranging from movies to plays and music. Movies and documentaries are an important part of this course and should be approached as regular mandatory readings.

Debate and critical discussion are the core component of this course. Our meetings will be focused on the collective discussion and analysis of the proposed materials. Active participation in every module is required in order for one to do well in the course. Therefore, students are expected to have thoroughly read the assigned texts before each class. Your daily contributions should demonstrate a deep understanding of the material and the ability to make meaningful connections to the broader themes and materials covered in a given week. Engagement in debates and discussions is not just encouraged but required, as it will allow us to collectively explore diverse perspectives and deepen our understanding of global studies.

Learning Outcomes:

Understand what global studies encompasses.

Learn about South-North history and politics.

Develop a solid understanding of classic and contemporary theories from multiple disciplines regarding globalization and global studies.

Critically apply this knowledge to help solve, draw attention to, and improve both local and global social challenges.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

All films, texts, chapters and excerpts will be available online on OWL, in class, or via the Western Library.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	continuous	25
Midterm exam	11/06/25	20
Essay	12/05/25	20
Weekly Reports		20
Discussion Leading		15

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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