

Introduction to Global Studies Section 80

GLST 1B

Spring 2023 3 Unit(s) 01/25/2023 to 05/15/2023 Modified 01/16/2023

Contact Information

Course and Contact Information

Instructor: Dr. Mary Poffenroth

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I prefer to be addressed formally as Dr. Poffenroth

You can message me here in Canvas or at mary.poffenroth@sjsu.edu

It is best to email me any questions or concerns. For email, I will respond within 2 business days. Please do not expect a response late at night or on weekends.

Office Hours: Monday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Online or by appointment. We can meet via Zoom, Skype, or FaceTime. Please email for a link to open timeslots.

Class Days/Time: Online

Prerequisites: None

GE/SJSU Studies Category: Area B2 – Life Sciences

*Read the entire syllabus, as it is a contract between you and your instructor.
Your continued enrollment in this course implies that you agree to all terms in this contract.*

Course Description and Requisites

Presents scientific ways for understanding global phenomena and for developing policy to achieve positive outcomes of globalization. Interdisciplinary approaches require new analytical models. Visiting professors will collaborate with instructor. GE Area: B2

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Program Information

Welcome to this General Education course.

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Course Learning Activities

This is a lower-division GE course, taught fully on-line through Canvas. Together we will examine the nature of global citizenship and explore the world's major global challenges through the following combination of teaching-learning activities:

- weekly lectures by course faculty
- weekly readings/viewings from course resources
- weekly interactive discussions and/or exercises on a variety of assigned topics
- One paper (750 words) on assigned topics requiring the integration of common global content with a life sciences perspective
- One student created video group presentation on a global issue & possible solutions
- two examinations (1 midterm | 1 final)

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B = 82-87

C- = 68-71

F = < 57.9

Missed/Late Work & Emergency Safety Net Policy

As you can submit your work any time before the deadline, there is no late work accepted in our class. However, here is how we will

FAQ About the Emergency Safety Net

If I have a doctor's note, can I have more extensions than other students?

No. This policy was written to cover all students for missing a single week of class for any reason, illness, or emergency. If you find you need to miss more than one full week of class (equal to 10% of the total class), we will need to discuss other options, such as a late drop or incomplete, depending on the circumstances at the time.

Why was this policy created?

A single missed work policy that applies to all students equally is the most equitable way to manage life's emergencies for students while preventing decision bias from me. Of course, I always try to be as unbiased as possible – but I am human, so having a policy that applies to all students instead of me deciding case by case, student by student, ensures that all emergencies are treated equally and fairly - no matter their cause. In each term, I teach anywhere from 200-400 students, and without a strong policy that applies equally to all, I can't guarantee that all students are treated equally. If you find that life has dealt you an emergency larger than missing a week/10% of the class, the university is set up to support you with a late drop or incomplete.

This policy puts the power into your hands to decide when to use your 10% emergency safety net without the stress of feeling like you have to justify your need. This also removes me as a judge of your need since you are the best person to judge when you need to use your emergency safety net. This also ensures all emergencies are treated equally - from physical to emotional to mental well-being.

However, this also creates a bit of a temptation to use it sooner rather than later, so I urge you to save your safety net for a true emergency.

Why was this amount of missed work forgiveness chosen?

The workload for this course is meant to be a minimum of 10 or more hours per week during a full 16-week term. This policy essentially excuses each student from 10% of our course. Again, if you find that you need to miss more than 10%, then a late drop or incomplete is the next step.

Do I need to contact you or provide any documentation to use this safety net?

Not at all. I created this policy because I wanted you to feel in control over when to use your safety net without any need to ask or justify. Just know that what is stated here is the maximum for all students in our class, and the adjustments will happen at the very end of the term once all other work has been graded.



