

PHIL 330 GLOBALIZATION AND JUSTICE
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course considers various theories of justice in international relations, and evaluates them according to a range of practical problems facing globalization. This semester the course examines the tension between universal values and cultural relativism, which underlies much of the theory and practice of international relations. We will examine this tension in a number of controversies concerning globalization, including war and peace, international political economy and distributive justice, environmental issues, human rights, and terrorism.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Immanuel Kant, *Toward Perpetual Peace*
GWF Hegel, *Introduction to the Philosophy of History*
John Rawls, *Law of Peoples*
Peter Singer, *One World: The Ethics of Globalization*
David Harvey, *Spaces of Global Capitalism: A Theory of Uneven Geographical Development*
Michael Ignatieff, *Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry*
Michael Ignatieff, *The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror*

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The course requires *minimally* completing the following. No late assignments are accepted. No email submissions of work done in this course will be accepted. No unstapled papers will be accepted. No exceptions. If a student needs an extension for a given deadline, ask at least a week ahead of the deadline, not the day before, last minute, or by email.

1. (2) presentations (3 pp.)	30 percent	assigned date
2. (1) short paper (6 pp.)	30 percent	due 3/1
3. (1) research paper (12 pp.)	40 percent	due 5/3

1. (2) presentations (3 pp.) are required for this discussion-based seminar. Presentations are designed to facilitate class discussion for that day; the 3 pp. summary should be written (not an

outline), crystallize the main arguments, issues and themes; and provide some questions or criticisms for the class to discuss. **15 percent each.**

2. (1) short paper (6 pp.) is due by the midterm. You are free to write on any narrowly addressed topic of your choice. The paper must be turned in by 3/1. **30 percent.**

3. (1) research paper (12 pp.) on a thesis topic of your own design, with at least 5 independent, scholarly articles and books on the subject matter. Part of the grade requires a 1 pp. summary of the thesis (not an outline) due by 3/15 for my approval. **40 percent.**

Class attendance and participation is expected. There are five basic rules in this classroom: (1) read all assigned material before class, (2) ask questions if you don't understand, (3) participate in the discussion if you have something to say, (4) respect others by directing comments as arguments relating to the text or issues rather than at other students, and (5) turn off your wireless devices.

It is the policy of Occidental College to make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If you require these accommodations, please see me no later than the second week of class. For information on documentation requirements for these requests, contact the Center for Academic Excellence (x2849).

This syllabus represents a contract. As students you are expected to fulfill your duties in this course, just as the administration, faculty, and students of Occidental College expect me to fulfill my duties as instructor. SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN TO ME.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Plagiarism, which is misrepresenting the work of others as your own, or academic misconduct more generally, will be turned over to the Judicial Examiner. It is standard to receive an "F" for the course, as well as additional punitive measures, for students who commit academic misconduct. There is an Academic Code at Occidental College that can be found at the following link:

<http://departments.oxy.edu/studentlife/studenthandbook/academic.policies/academic.ethics.html>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Weeks 1-2 Foundations: Universal Values and Cultural Relativism

Kant, *Perpetual Peace*

Hegel, *Philosophy of History*

Weeks 3-4 Theory, I: Contractarianism

Rawls, *Law of Peoples*

Weeks 5-6 Theory, II: Consequentialism

Singer, *One World*

- Week 7 Theory, III: Capabilities**
Sen, “Capability and Well-Being” (ER)
Nussbaum, “The Capabilities Approach” (ER)
- Week 8 SPRING BREAK!**
- Weeks 9-10 Theory, IV: Critical Theory**
Harvey, *Spaces of Global Capitalism*
- Week 11 Problems, I: Human Rights**
Ignatieff, *Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry*
- Week 12 Problems, II: Global Poverty**
Singer, “Famine, Affluence, and Morality” (ER)
Pogge, “Assisting the global poor” (ER)
- Weeks 13-14 Problems, III: Terrorism**
Ignatieff, *The Lesser Evil*
- Week 15 Problems, IV: American Exceptionalism**
Wallerstein, *The Decline of American Power*, Ch. 1 (ER)
Hongju Koh, “America’s Jekyll-and-Hyde Exceptionalism” (ER)