

GLOBALISM
Essay topics

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The following essay topics are designed to correspond with the academic aims and learning outcomes designated in the syllabus for this course. The essays should incorporate, cite, and reference as many of the readings assigned for this course as is logically possible. Other sources are welcome although not absolutely necessary and not a substitute for the assigned and/or suggested readings. For all of the following topics, it is absolutely necessary to give and develop concrete examples.

1. How do you define and understand *globalism/globalization/globalization project* as applied to one of the following basic social institutions: a) economics, b) government, c) education, d) family, or e) religion?
2. Discuss “winners” and “losers” with regard to globalization, then give concrete examples from one or more of the following issues: a) poverty, b) gender inequality, c) environmental concerns, d) global migration, e) human trafficking for sex or other forms of labour.
3. Discuss how effective are various social action organizations (such as Amnesty International, for example) and outcomes with regard to globalization.
4. How do you understand the historical foundations and ongoing activities of global organizations such as the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, the International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Court?
5. Define and explain how you understand the difference between the terms *glocalization* and *grobalization*? Giving concrete examples, compare and contrast these two concepts.
6. Using concrete examples, discuss major sociological theories as they apply to the process of globalization.

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Essay-writing requirements:

- **Always define terms that are related to the course or are not commonly understood.**
- **Always answer the question directly. (Do not “talk around” the general idea of the question.)**
- **Always answer every part of the question.**
- **Begin by incorporating the question in your first sentence—that is, briefly state your answer or response to the question in one full sentence.**
- **Use evidence to support your main points.**
- **Include references to as many of the assigned and suggested course readings as possible.**
- **End by reminding the reader what you have accomplished in your essay.**