

San José State University
College of Social Science/Global Studies Program
GLST 1B (48989), Introduction to Global Studies, Fall 2022

Course and Contact Information

Instructor:	Rachel Lazzeri-Aerts
Class Information:	Access all class Modules, materials, assignments through Canvas LMS
Class Meetings:	Tue/Thur 4:30-5:45pm via Zoom
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Office Hours:	Built into class time and by appointment via Zoom
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	B2

Course Overview and Description

The purpose of this course is to help students become better global citizens – people who are both informed about important global affairs and engaged in building a more sustainable world. This is a lower-division general education course in Area B2 (Life Sciences *without* a lab) for students who are interested in learning more about the evolving nature of our global world. **There will be biology content in this course, through the lens of a global community.**

Students will focus on global citizenship as an important way to develop the basic knowledge, skills, tools, and values that are needed for people to live and work in our hyper-complex interdependent world. We will examine the nature and impact of globalization through an introductory exploration of major global challenges that are shaping human progress on a finite planet with diminishing room and resources. In this course we will investigate human behavior and social interactions and examine scientific ways for understanding global phenomena and for developing policies to achieve positive outcomes of globalization.

Learning Objectives

GE Learning Outcomes (GELOs)

After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) demonstrate knowledge of scientific theories, concepts, and data used in the physical and life sciences.
- 2) apply scientific principles and communicate in ways appropriate to the discipline about the process and results of scientific discovery.
- 3) access, critically evaluate, and represent scientific information in various forms and draw appropriate conclusions.
- 4) use methods derived from current scientific inquiry to form evidence-based opinions about science-related matters of personal, public, and ethical concern.

Course Learning Objectives (CLOs)

After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) describe the major features of globalization, including its diverse impacts on people and the planet around the world.
- 2) identify and analyze important global challenges, including their positive and negative aspects, and the significant interactions among them.
- 3) integrate knowledge from two or more fields of study or disciplinary perspectives by independently relating examples, facts, and/or theories to understand different global challenges.
- 4) analyze the principal characteristics of global citizenship and its role in helping humanity build a better world.

Information Literacy Learning Objectives

- 1) An information literate student determines the nature and extent of the information needed. The information literate student defines and articulates the need for information, as well as identifies a variety of types and formats of potential sources for information.
- 2) An information literate student evaluates information and its sources critically and incorporates selected information into his/her knowledge base. Students summarize the main ideas to be extracted from the information gathered, articulates and applies criteria for evaluating both the information and its sources, and synthesizes main ideas to construct new concepts.
- 3) The information literate student understands the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information, and accesses and uses information ethically and legally.

Required Course Materials

Readings and Learning Materials

All course readings will be available on Canvas as PDFs, links to web-based sources, or as e-books through the MLK Library. Additional materials, such as videos or interactive maps, will be available through Canvas.

Technology

You will need consistent access to a computer with an Internet connection. You should be using the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Respondus Lockdown Browser (as applicable), or Safari, and can view a complete list of [Supported Browsers through Canvas Guides](#). We will be using Zoom for class meetings and office hours. Additionally, we will sometimes be using video recordings to share thoughts and ideas as part of activities or discussions. Canvas has a built-in Media Recorder that is easy to use.

Students are expected to have the following basic computer skills:

- Utilize Canvas LMS and associated tools/features
- Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- File management including downloading, uploading, creating, editing, and saving
- Email including sending, receiving, and managing attachments
- University library searches
- Navigating internet searches, websites, and interactive components

Please note that I do not provide technical help beside instructions on how to access or utilize a particular application. If you need computer or technical help, please utilize the following resources:

- [Student Canvas Help Guide](#)
- [SJSU eCampus Support](#)
 - ecampus@sjsu.edu
 - 408-924-2337
- In Canvas, click the “Help” button in the left-side menu for several options.

Library Liaison

Peggy Cabrera (peggy.cabrera@sjsu.edu) is the Library Liaison for the Global Studies Program. She is a great resource. Email her for help via email or to set up a Zoom appointment.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Class Format

This course will be completely online through Canvas the Learning Management System used by SJSU. Class content, readings, video lectures, assessments, activities, and exams will be organized into Modules by topic. The course is designed to expand and grow with each Module, and many sections will refer back to previous Modules. Complete the tasks in the order presented to get the most out of the course.

While much of the material can be done at a time of your choosing, there are specific due dates for activities, assessments, discussions, and exams. You must complete these components at the due date and time. Late work is not accepted. Additionally, there will be required Zoom meetings during our scheduled class time. These meetings will be about one hour each and will count for participation points.

Student Responsibilities

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

It is your responsibility to access the Canvas course, engage thoroughly with each Module and associated components, participate in Zoom lecture activities, carefully read directions, prepare thoughtful submissions for assignments, discussions, and activities, submit all assignments on-time, and make a commitment to quality work in this course. If you are in doubt about something in the course, ask! Utilize the Question Café Discussion board, send me a Canvas Message, or attend Zoom office hours.

Assignments

There will be varying types of assessments, activities, and assignments throughout the course. These assignments are designed to aid in your understanding of the course material, as well as develop skills in evaluating, analyzing, and communicating information about major global challenges and about being a good global citizen.

Assignments will include low stakes short quizzes, written work, “in-person” activities via Zoom, short video responses, discussions via Canvas, cases studies, and other activities to apply course concepts to real world examples. Cumulatively, the assignments will make up a major portion of your grade for this course.

Exam

One midterm and one final exam will be given to test your understanding of the material presented. The exams will be cumulative, and may consist of multiple choice, true-false, matching, and short answer questions. Please do not miss the exam as you will not have the opportunity to make it up. Make-up exams may be considered for legitimate and documented circumstances (medical emergency, death in the family, etc).

Participation

Students will be expected to actively participate in their learning. This means that you must actively engage with the material presented in the Canvas Modules. Do the reading. Watch the videos. Think about the questions presented to you. Additionally, as much of this course is based on activities and discussions, each student's participation is necessary for the class to function successfully. Just because the course is presented online, does not mean collaboration with your peers is not essential. Discussions, Zoom meetings, video responses, and any other activities that come up during the course may be used as participation points toward final course grade. **You must be present, prepared, and actively participate to receive participation points for activities; there are no makeup points for missed activities.**

Formatting for Written Work

Please note that all assignments need to be formatted as follows: 12 point font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, doubled spaced, include a header with name and date on first page only, and use Turabian/Chicago, MLA, or APA author-year citation style where applicable. There will be a points deduction for not following these guidelines.

Grading Policy

Your grade will be based on your assessments, exam, assignments, and class participation. All assignments are to be turned in through Canvas before the specified due date and time.

Grade Scale

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
A plus	97 to 100%
A	93 to 96%
A minus	90 to 92%
B plus	87 to 89 %
B	83 to 86%
B minus	80 to 82%
C plus	77 to 79%
C	73 to 76%
C minus	70 to 72%
D	60 to 69%
F	Less than 60%

Late Work

All graded work is **due BEFORE 11:59pm on the due date**, unless otherwise indicated in the assignment details or course schedule. Late work is **NOT** accepted. Plan accordingly, and do not wait until the last minute to submit an assignment. Exceptions may be considered for legitimate and documented circumstances (ie. medical emergency, death in the family).

Rubrics

Most assignments will be graded using a rubric. For assignments and discussions that utilize a rubric, you should review the rubric before submitting your work to ensure you have met all assignment guidelines and requirements.

- [How to view a rubric for an assignment?](#)
- [How to view a rubric for a discussion?](#)
- [How to view rubric results for my assignments?](#)

Extra Credit

Students are responsible for recording the details of any offered extra credit assignments.

Grading Overview

Please note that points possible may change based on class progression.

Assignment	Points	Learning Objectives
Midterm Exam	50	GELO #1, 2, 3; CLO #1, 2
Final Exam	100	GELO #1, 2, 3, 4; CLO #1, 2, 3
Scientific Paper Analysis	50	GELO #1, 2, 3; CLO #1, 2; ILLO #1, 2, 3
Resource Summary Project	50	GELO #1, 3, 4; CLO # 2, 3; ILLO #1, 2, 3
Ecofootprint Modeling	50	GELO #1, 3, 4; CLO #1, 2, 3, 4
Discussions, Assignments, and Activities	200-300	GELO #1, 2, 3, 4; CLO #1, 2, 3, 4
TOTAL	~500-600	

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](#).

Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

In accordance with San José State University's Policies, the Student Code of Conduct, and applicable state and federal laws, discrimination based on gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, nationality, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited in any form. The [SJSU Diversity website](#) has information on campus policies and programs, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and how to report instances of bias.

Students are expected to participate fully in all class activities. It is expected that students will be open-minded, participate fully in online discussions, and debate in a mature and respectful manner. Use of derogatory, condescending, or offensive language including profanity is prohibited. Expressing disagreement should always include an explanation of your reasoning and whenever possible, evidence to support your position.

The CSU and SJSU both mandate that all students, staff, faculty, and visitors have equal and inclusive access to information and educational materials and programs. Therefore, all instructional documents and materials, electronic materials and programs, and web based materials and programs must be created to be accessible by all. The [Accessibility at SJSU website](#) has information on the specific laws and policies regarding accessibility, as well as information on SJSU's programs to ensure accessibility. In this course, my goal is to have all materials, readings, videos, etc. created in an accessible format. If you find a course component that is not accessible to you, please let me know, so that I can make corrections.

Additionally, the accessibility statements and resources (as available) for websites, software, and tools that we will be using in the course can be found at the links below.

[Canvas](#): Learning Management System used by SJSU

[Canvas Studio](#): audio/video recording tool within Canvas LMS

[Google](#): SJSU email, calendar, and online tools

[OpenStax](#): online open access textbooks

[Pressbooks](#): online open access textbooks

[Turnitin](#): plagiarism check tool used in Canvas LMS

[YouTube](#): video hosting/viewing

[Zoom](#): synchronous web conferencing

Academic Integrity

Please read the [Academic Integrity Policy](#). You should know and understand both plagiarism and cheating.

Your commitment, as a student, to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The University's [Academic Integrity Policy F15-7](#) requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The [Student Conduct and Ethical Development website](#) has more information. Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. **Cheating or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person's ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University.** For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include in your assignment any material you have already submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU's Academic Policy F15-7 requires approval of both instructors.

Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material

Common courtesy and professional behavior dictate that you notify someone when you are recording him/her. You must obtain the instructor's permission to make audio or video recordings in this class. See [University Policy S12-7](#), <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf>

Course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and cannot be shared publicly without his/her approval. You may not publicly share or upload instructor generated material for this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, or homework solutions without instructor consent.

Resources for Students

There are many resources on campus available to you. Some examples include: SJSU Peer Connections Center, the College of Social Science Access Center, SJSU Writing Center, SJSU Counseling and Psychological Service, SJSU Student Health Center, the Academic Success Center, and many places to use or get help with technology. See the [Syllabus Information web page](#) for more info. If you are not sure where to get assistance, please send me a Canvas Message. I can help you find the right campus resources and get you connected with them.

SJSU Cares

Students experiencing challenges meeting their basic needs including, but not limited to, access to food, shelter, and a safe space are encouraged to contact SJSU Cares. The SJSU Cares program can help connect students to both on and off campus resources. Contact information:

- [SJSU Cares Information website](#)
- sjsucares@sjsu.edu
- 408-924-1234
- Direct link to the [Request Assistance Form](#)

Accessible Education Center (AEC)

The Accessible Education Center is committed to redefining ability for students with disabilities by providing comprehensive services in support of the educational development and success of students with disabilities in a student-centered and professional environment. To receive appropriate accommodations for temporary or permanent disabilities, you must register with the AEC. Additionally, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, so we can discuss the best ways to implement your accommodations to ensure your success in the course. AEC contact information:

- [AEC website](#)
- aec-info@sjsu.edu
- 408-924-6000

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

The SJSU Counseling and Psychological Services is located on the corner of 7th Street and San Carlos in the new Student Wellness Center, Room 300B. Professional psychologists, social workers, and counselors are available to provide confidential consultations on issues of student mental health, campus climate, or psychological and academic issues on an individual, couple, or group basis. Numerous workshops for students are offered. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm and Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. For 24/7 crisis intervention help, call the number below and select “option 4”. Contact information:

- [Counseling and Psychological Services website](#)
- counseling.services@sjsu.edu
- 408-924-5910