

Global Society  
(SOCL 4551)  
Spring 2016

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-2:30 (or by appointment)



- 8 Forum Posts (4 country, 4 town): 4 points each, Keep best 6
- 6 points for end of Semester Country/Town presentation

**Extra Credit:** Limited extra credit points are given for outstanding work on in-class activities and for extra Reflection Papers and Forum Posts (provided all classes are attended that week)

## **COURSE GUIDELINES**

1. **Participation is mandatory. Class attendance is mandatory.** Plan to attend every session, arrive on time and stay until the end of the scheduled class period. I will make every attempt to begin and end each class on time. If you cannot commit to regular class attendance I strongly encourage you to drop this course now.

2. **All reading and writing (Reflection Papers) are to be completed before Tuesday's class.** The reading requirements will be reasonable length and difficulty. Reading before class is absolutely critical for useful in class discussions and activities. I am confident that all students will enjoy most of the assigned readings.

3. Uphold the highest standards of **academic integrity** as outlined in LSU's Code of Student Conduct. <http://students.lsu.edu/saa/students/code>. Most LSU students uphold these standards every day. Unfortunately a tiny fraction of students violate these basic guidelines for appropriate student conduct. As required, I must report any misconduct to the Dean of Students. For our class, this generally means that students work on their own outside of class.

4. **In-Class Exam Make-Up Policy.** In-class essay exams are fair to all students when they all have the same length of time to prepare. Therefore, plan to take both exams on the scheduled day and time. Make-up exams will only be given for excused absences and they will not be the same as the regularly scheduled exams (ie. A different exam of the same difficulty level).

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clarification on course material or expectations. All students are invited, encouraged, and welcome to contact me by email, to arrange for a meeting, or to come during my office hours to discuss the course.

9. **Notebook/Laptop/Internet Policy.** I am pro-tech, and I encourage all students to bring laptops, tablets, and smartphones to class and to use them during class activities when appropriate. There will be many occasions when the Internet will be both appropriate and extremely helpful. There will be other occasions when texting or using technology is inappropriate—and I will let students know when they may or may not use their devices. Generally, we will not use devices during class discussions, but sometimes we will use devices to access the Internet. It is inappropriate to wear headphones in class.

10. **Classroom Environment.** Have fun and relax during in-class activities in this course. This is a chance to think about some of the global trends that will shape our lives for the next several decades. If, sometimes, you feel you are a little out of your comfort zone, that's okay. "No growth in the comfort zone, no comfort in the growth zone". At the same time, my goal is to craft a classroom environment that is welcoming for all students and allow each one of us to express ourselves freely, and to learn from one another.

## CALENDAR OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

**WEEK**

**WEEK 9** Mar 8 & 10

Midterm Review (Mar 8) and Exam (Mar 10): No Readings

No Forum Due this week

**WEEK 10** MAR 15 & 17

Forum Post Due Dates:

The blog entry can be submitted any time before the Due Date for full credit. Ten points will be