





# International Relations (INTR) 230

## Globalization and World Politics (Revision 2)

**Status:** Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

**Delivery mode:** [Individualized study online](#) 

**Credits:** 3

**Areas of study:** Arts or Social Science

**Prerequisites:** None

**Precluded:** INTR 230 is a cross-listed course—a course listed under three different disciplines—INTR 230, GLST 230, and POEC 230 may not be taken for credit by students who have obtained credit for GLST 230 or POEC 230.

**Challenge:** INTR 230 has a challenge for credit option.

**Faculty:** [Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 

## Overview

*Globalization and World Politics* introduces students to some of the theoretical tools and practical issues of globalization as they attempt to situate themselves in an ever-changing world politics. From the many challenges to state sovereignty, to the growing role of globally connected citizens, and from the expanding scope of global finance and markets, to the intensification of cultural flows and interconnectedness, there is no question that processes of globalization characterize our present and our future. As engaged global citizens, each of us has opportunities every day to grapple with our perceptions and ideas about peoples, places, and precepts, and to deepen our understanding of the increasingly interconnected world in which we all live.

Drawing on a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary analytical frameworks, and guided by a political-economy approach, *Globalization and World Politics* is designed for social-science and humanities students generally, and particularly those students interested in pursuing more advanced courses in global studies, international relations, development studies, and political economy. With the help of some useful analytical tools, readings and assignments in the course give students the opportunity to evaluate ways in which globalization and world politics pose opportunities and challenges for individuals, societies, and the global community.

## Outline

*Globalization and World Politics* consists of six units:

- Unit 1: Defining Globalization: Why Do Perspectives Matter?
- Unit 2: Traditional International Relations Theory and Its Critique: Liberalism, Realism, Marxism, and Constructivism
- Unit 3: Exploring Critical Perspectives in International Relations: Feminism, Post-Colonialism, and Indigeneity
- Unit 4: Globalization and Governance: From Traditional to Critical Perspectives
- Unit 5: Global Political Economy: Introduction to Agents, Patterns, and Tools of Analysis
- Unit 6: Some Future Trends in Globalization and World Politics: Cultures/Civilizations, Climate Change, and Civil Society

## Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for INTR 230, you must successfully complete and submit two assignments and pass the final examination. **D (50 percent)** [📄](#) is the minimum passing grade on each of the assignments and on the final exam, and you must achieve a minimum course composite grade of 50%. Grades will be distributed as follows:

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Essay—Understanding Globalization	30%
Assignment 2: Critical Review or Culture Jam	30%
Final Exam	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the **Exams and grades** [↗](#) section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** [↗](#).

## Materials

This course either does not have a course package or the textbooks are open-source material and available to students at no cost. This course has a **Course Administration and Technology Fee** [↗](#), but students are not charged the Course Materials Fee.

All course materials are available online.

# Challenge for credit

## Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

## Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the INTR 230 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **C- (60 percent)** [↗](#) on the examination.

 **Challenge for credit course registration form**

## Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) [↗](#)
- › [Program planning](#) [↗](#)
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