

Course Title (Code)	Foundations of Global Studies グローバル・スタディの基礎 (LAI303)	Instructor(s)	<b>Dr. Paweł MŁODKOWSKI</b>
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Class Style	Interactive lecture	Office Hours	Tuesday 10:45-11:45, Wednesday 14:40-15:40
Track		Mode of Instruction	Lectures, multimedia presentation
Credits	2 credits	Allocated Year	3&4
Active Learning	Student-lead discussions in which one student acts as the facilitator.	Compulsory or Elective	Elective
Course Overview	This course surveys a wide range of global issues. Topics will be covered include, for example, globalization, conflict and cooperation, global security, global economy, development, environment, human rights, gender issues, etc. Students will learn basic concepts, analytical tools, and approaches for studying issues affecting social change on a global scale.		
Course Objectives	This course has two important goals. The first is to give students an understanding of major global issues. Students will learn about diverse cultures, regional integration, globalization, and global conflict. The second is to train students to use a variety of data to analyze global and societal issues, as well as to suggest solutions to real-world problems. Students will be expected to develop critical thinking skills and perspectives to better understand the global issues. Students will engage in various types of class activities, such as class participation, group discussions and presentations.		
Prerequisite	None		
<b>Course Schedule</b>	No	Contents	Homework
	1	An introduction to global studies	Reading assignment Handout 1: Globalization
	2	Group discussion on defining globalization (based on the reading)	
	3	Focus on socio-economic benefits of globalization	
	4	Focus on economic costs and benefits of globalization	
	5	Focus on cultural and other dimensions of Globalization	
	6	Methodology for global studies	
	7	Presentations manifestations of globalization in Japan	
	8	Presentations manifestations of globalization in Japan	Handout 2: currency unions in the world: history and operations
	9	Group discussion on currency unions (based on the reading)	
	10	Focus on Africa: Common Monetary Area and COMESA	
	11	Focus on Africa: Western Africa Economic and Monetary Union	Handout 3: Illegal immigration globally
	12	Group discussion on the illegal immigration and refugees (based on the reading).	Handout 4: Money laundering globally
	13	Group discussion on the money laundering (based on the reading)	Handout 5: Fair Trade in the World
	14	Group discussion on the fair trade (based on the reading).	Handout 6: Tax havens
15	Group discussion on the tax havens (based on the reading)		
Grading	Class participation and class activities 30% Individual Presentations 10% Mid-term report 20% Final report 40% Total 100%		

	Attendance as such is not a part of the final grade – but PARTICIPATION is!
Textbooks	Handout 1 Handout 2 Handout 3 Handout 4 Handout 5 Handout 6
References	
NOTES	Students are not required to purchase any specific textbook. Several reading handouts will be distributed in class at various points during the semester. A properly organized and well-maintained two-ring notebook is your textbook for this course. It is important that you keep all handouts, exercises, group tasks, and homework in the notebook. Students are required to bring all of the handouts, worksheets and readings that the teacher gives to class.