

# Global & International Studies Graduate Courses

## Summer 2012

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### **GIST 702: Globalization**

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Tuesdays 5:00-10:00 p.m.

364 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

A central issue in international studies is globalization, the increasing interconnectedness of societies and economies. This course examines globalization from a historical and contemporary perspective. Major topics include (but are not necessarily limited to) the historical expansion of the West since 1500, the growth of international economic institutions, conflict among global cultures, the future of state sovereignty, and the challenges of economic integration.

This section of GIST 702: Globalization will focus on the “five wars of globalization.” While there are positive aspects of globalization that benefit Americans and others in the industrialized world (more so than the majority of the world’s population), there is a growing illicit, secondary economy that is becoming increasingly difficult to monitor, legislate, and control. This course focuses on the factors of globalization that have created opportunities for individuals, corporations, and governments to utilize technology, communication, and transportation to engage in illegal activities for financial gain.

The “five wars of globalization” that we as a global community are forced to fight (with varying levels of success/failure) are the illegal trade in intellectual property, money laundering, arms, drugs, and people. During the course we will analyze each of these economic wars in depth.

*GIST 702: Globalization is a core course in the GIST MA program and may not be offered again until Fall 2014. All students planning to graduate before then are encouraged to enroll in this section of GIST 702.*

