Globalization has become an increasingly prominent phenomenon in contemporary politics. What is globalization? Why is it so powerful? Who are the primary actors in the new global order? What are the implications of globalization for power relations between states? Peace or war? Democracy? The creation and distribution of wealth both domestically and globally? This course will investigate the nature of modern globalization. In the first half of the course, we build fundamental knowledge about the key actors, institutions, and processes that shape globalization and the international political economy. In the second half of the course, we explore the many promises of globalization as well as the sources of the anti-globalization backlash. We conclude by exploring the implications of globalization for the nation-state and international order.

Course Requirements

There are four major assignments for this course -- a mid-term exam; a research paper of approximately 3,200 to 3,600 words; and a comprehensive, 3-hour final exam; active class participation. **The mid-term will be Thursday, March 4 in class. The research paper is due in my mailbox by 12 noon, Friday April 23.** The research paper must be typed, double-spaced, and proof-read. I may deduct points for typographical, spelling and grammatical errors. The class participation grade will consist primarily of the student's participation in class discussions (the quality of comments carries greater weight than quantity) and may include unannounced pop quizzes on the readings. The final exam will be at the time and date scheduled by the Registrar.

The final grade for the course will be determined by the following formula:

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**Participation.** Attendance in class is required. Students must come to class prepared to discuss the readings and materials in the week they are assigned. Students may be penalized for more than two unexcused absences. Excessive unexcused absences are grounds for dismissal from the course. The weekly reading load varies. Students should plan ahead and use light reading weeks to get ahead on readings for weeks in which the load is heavier.

**Extensions/Make-ups/Late Papers.** I do not grant extensions or make-ups except in cases of serious illness or family emergency AND with a note from the Dean of Students. Work due in other classes does NOT constitute sufficient grounds for an extension. Late papers will be penalized one-third of a full letter grade (e.g. “A-” to “B+”) for each day they are late, for up to five days. I will not accept papers more than five days late. At that point, the student will have failed to complete a required assignment, which constitutes grounds for failing the course (see below). I do not accept papers written for other courses.
Failure to complete a required assignment. Failure to complete any of the major assignments (midterm, paper, or final) will result in a failing grade for the course.

Research Paper. Each student must write a research paper between 3,200 and 3,600 words (not including notes and bibliography) on an important aspect of globalization. Students will choose their topic from a list of topics provided by the professor. There must be a minimum of 15 substantial outside sources (not including the class readings). All research papers must include a bibliography. Any and all work that is not your own – such as ideas, data, information, quotations, and paraphrasing – must be properly cited using the Chicago Manual of Style (CMS) form. If you are not familiar with the CMS, you can access a style sheet at: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Please note that all references to on-line materials must include an access date and URL. Papers that do not follow the CMS will receive a grade deduction of at least ½ grade. Papers missing a bibliography or with insufficient citations will not receive credit. Papers must also include a word-count (not including notes and bibliography).

Classroom Etiquette. Learning in this course is a collaborative exercise built on mutual respect. As a courtesy to others, please refrain from any disruptive behavior. Please do not come late to class, do not eat in class, do not leave the classroom during the class period, or speak while others are talking. Intentionally disruptive behavior constitutes grounds for dismissal from the course. I do not allow the use of laptop computers, cell-phones, or other electronic devices during class or the recording of class lectures.

Academic Honesty. Academic dishonesty is a serious offense. All students must follow the College's policies regarding academic honesty as outlined in the Course of Study. Please consult with me before submitting work if you have any questions regarding this issue.

Changes to the Syllabus. I reserve the right to make changes in the syllabus. The changes will be announced in class.

Texts

The following books are required for the course and available for purchase at the bookstore:

   Jeffry Frieden, *Global Capitalism*
   Thomas Oatley, *International Political Economy*
   Martin Wolf, *Why Globalization Works*

Unless otherwise noted, additional readings and materials listed on the syllabus will be posted on Moodle.

Disabilities. Students with learning disabilities need to discuss your concerns in private with me AND contact Erin Salva, Kenyon’s Coordinator of Disability Services (ph: 5145; e-mail: salvae@kenyon.edu). No accommodations for this course will be granted without notification from Ms. Salva’s office.
Introduction: Globalization and Political Economy – January 19, 21

Wolf, *Why Globalization Works*, preface and chapter 1
Oatley, *International Political Economy*, chapter 1

PART I. THE FUNDAMENTALS: KEY ACTORS, INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES

1. Basic Concepts: Markets – January 26, 28

Wolf, *Why Globalization Works*, chapter 4
Charles Lindblom, *Politics and Markets*, excerpt

2. Basic Concepts: Power, Nation-States, and Anarchy – February 2, 4

Charles Lindblom, *Politics and Markets*, excerpt


Paul Krugman, “Competitiveness: A Dangerous Obsession”

4. The Rise and Fall of the First Globalization – February 18, 23

Wolf, *Why Globalization Works*, chapters 7-8
Frieden, *Global Capitalism*, chapters 1-5.

5. The Re-Emergence and Institutions of Modern Globalization – February 25, March 2

Frieden, *Global Capitalism*, chapters 15-17
John Ruggie, “Embedded Liberalism and the Postwar Order”
View “The Commanding Heights, Pt. 1 – The Battle of Ideas” Time :TBA

MID-TERM, March 4

PART II. THE MANY FACETS OF GLOBALIZATION

“Globalisation and its critics,” The Economist, September 29, 2001

2. The Multinational Corporation – March 30, April 1

Oatley, International Political Economy, chapters 8 and 9
Wolf, Why Globalization Works, chapter 11
John Stopford, “Multinational Corporations,” Foreign Policy
Klaus Schwab, “Global Corporate Citizenship,” Foreign Affairs, Jan/Feb 2008

3. The Anti-Globalization Backlash – April 20, 22

Oatley, International Political Economy, chapter 16
Dani Rodrik, “Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate,” Foreign Policy, 1997
Jagdish Bhagwati, “Coping with Anti-globalization” Foreign Affairs Jan/Feb 2002
“Lori’s War: Interview with Lori Wallach” Foreign Policy
John Cassidy, “Winners and Losers,” The New Yorker, August 2, 2004

4. Globalization and Development – April 6, 8

Oatley, International Political Economy, chapters 6 and 7
Wolf, Why Globalization Works, chapters 9 and 10
Nancy Birdsall and Dani Rodrik, “How to Help Poor Countries,” Foreign Affairs, Jul/Aug 2005

Recommended: Frieden, Global Capitalism, chapters 13, 18, 19

5. Implications for the Advanced Industrial States – April 13, 15

Adam Segal, “Is America Losing Its Edge?” Foreign Affairs, Nov/Dec 2004

PART III. THE FUTURE OF GLOBALIZATION

5. Globalization and the Nation-State – April 27, 29

Pankaj Ghemawat, “Why the World Isn’t Flat” *Foreign Policy*, Mar/Apr 2007

6. Toward a More Peaceful World? – May 4


7. Financial Collapse and The Great Recession – May 6, 11

View: Frontline Video: *The Warning*
View: Frontline Video: *Inside the Meltdown*

8. Wrapping Up – May 13

Leo Panitch, “Thoroughly Modern Marx,” *Foreign Policy*, May/June 2009