

## **SWK307 Globalization and Social Change**

**Level:** 3

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY SEMESTER

### **Synopsis:**

This course looks at the meaning of globalisation and its impact on the study of the social world. Issues covered include the growth of the internet and its impact on local and regional development; poverty and inequality; transnational labor migration; growth of global cities and the impact on nation-states. Theories of globalisation from key global academics in sociology will be explored.

### **Topics:**

- Introduction and historical beginnings
- Spheres of influence: Social, political and geographical
- Economic Globalization
- The myth of capital good intentions
- Political globalization
- Navigating the ethics of globalization
- Cultural globalization
- Cultural homicide
- Globalization and Social Problems
- Infectious concerns: Modern factors in the spread of disease
- Globalization and Terrorism
- Aspects of Terrorism
- Group Presentations & Revision with SEP

### **Textbooks:**

Frank, J. Lechner and John Boli.: The Globalization Reader (e-book) 6th Edition John-Wiley  
ISBN-13: 9781119409953

**Learning Outcome:**

- Explain the meaning of globalisation.
- Compare the major sociological theories of globalisation.
- Demonstrate sensitivity to the nature of problems resulting from globalization
- Appraise major issues in globalisation.
- Discuss international social development and evaluate the strengths and limitations of the efforts of non-government organizations in addressing social and economic issues in the developing world.
- Analyze the positive and negative effects of globalization on economic, social and cultural institutions in Singapore and around the world.

**Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weightage Allocation (%)</b>
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	25
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	25
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>