

HUM-440(a)

**Global perspectives, local realities I**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Sciences humaines et sociales	MA1	Opt.
UNIL - Autres facultés	H	Obl.

Langue d'enseignement	français / anglais
Crédits	3
Session	Hiver
Semestre	Automne
Examen	Pendant le semestre
Charge	90h
Semaines	14
<b>Heures</b>	<b>3 hebdo</b>
Cours	2 hebdo
Projet	1 hebdo
<b>Nombre de places</b>	<b>60</b>

**Remarque**

This course is strongly recommended for students enrolled in the Minor in Science, Technology and Area Studies - HUM-498(a, b, c)

**Résumé**

Cet enseignement aborde des problématiques actuelles en privilégiant des éclairages d'ordre historique, économique, technologique ou géopolitique. Il permet aux étudiants de développer une réflexion critique sur le processus de mondialisation en intégrant la question de l'autre et de l'ailleurs.

**Contenu**

The course focuses on contemporary issues from both a global and a local perspective. The circulation of people, goods and ideas is used to highlight spatial and temporal dynamics.

During the **autumn semester** students are introduced to specific themes (e.g., inequality and development, global production networks, international science, global climate negotiations). Each theme is addressed through a lecture and critical reading of texts. One session is devoted to preparing the project in the spring semester.

During the **spring semester** students work in groups either on topics specific to climate change in Russia or technology/manufacturing in China.

Lecturers provide guidance on semester projects.

**Mots-clés**

globalisation, alterity, diversity, comparison, history of science and technology, economic history, geopolitics, economics

**Compétences requises****Cours prérequis obligatoires**

None

**Acquis de formation**

A la fin de ce cours l'étudiant doit être capable de:

- Evaluer des aspects liés au processus de mondialisation
- Distinguer des stéréotypes quand on traite d'autres régions
- Développer une argumentation

**Compétences transversales**

- Résumer un article ou un rapport technique.
- Dialoguer avec des professionnels d'autres disciplines.
- Ecrire un rapport scientifique ou technique.
- Faire preuve d'esprit critique
- Faire une présentation orale.

### Méthode d'enseignement

**Autumn semester:** *ex cathedra* lectures, oral presentations and discussions, guest lecture(s)

**Spring semester:** Group work under lecturer supervision

### Travail attendu

Students are expected to participate actively during the autumn semester (questions, comments) and to discuss orally a reading (in groups of 3-4). Students have to produce an analysis of another text integrating the global and local perspectives of the circulation of people, goods and ideas.

During the spring semester students work in groups to produce a written report on a topic agreed upon with the lecturers.

### Méthode d'évaluation

**Autumn semester:**

- Oral presentation of a text (groupwork): 50%
- Individual analysis of a text (from a different theme than the oral presentation) with a length of 1'500 words: 50%

**Spring semester:**

- Intermediary oral presentation of the report (groupwork): 20%
- Final report (groupwork): 80%

Assignments can be written in English or French.

### Encadrement

Office hours	Non
Assistants	Non
Forum électronique	Non

### Ressources

#### Bibliographie

Provided by lecturers during the semester

#### Liens Moodle

- <http://moodle.epfl.ch/course/view.php?id=15214>

### Préparation pour

Global perspectives, local realities II - HUM-440(b)