HUM-440 **Global perspectives, local realities I**

Cursus	Sem.	Type
Sciences humaines et sociales	MA1	Obl.

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

Remarque

Pas donné en 2020-21 - 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, global climate negotiations). Each theme is addressed through a lecture and critical reading of texts. 2 sessions are devoted to anthropology and one session is devoted to preparing the project in the spring semester. A keynote speaker is invited to discuss a timely topic related to globalization.
The session breakdown is as follows:

1. Introduction to the course
2. Introduction to critical reading and anthropology
3. Anthropology of globalization
4. Economic history I (lecture + seminar)
5. Economic history II (lecture + seminar)
6. Economic history III (lecture + seminar)
7. Political economy I (lecture + seminar)
8. Political economy II (lecture + seminar)
9. Political economy III (lecture + seminar)
10. Keynote speaker (date to be confirmed)
11. Geopolitics I (lecture + seminar)
12. Geopolitics II (lecture + seminar)
13. Geopolitics III (lecture + seminar)
14. Project methodology

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, economic history, geopolitics, political economy
POLY-perspective :

- global perspective
- citizen perspective

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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

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Students are expected to participate actively during the autumn semester (questions, comments), to discuss orally a reading (in groups of 3) and to critique another text. At the end of the semester students have to produce an analysis of a 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): 40%
- Oral critique of a text (groupwork): 20%
- Individual analysis of a text (1'500 words): 40%

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-460