





# Political Science (POLI) 450

## Globalization and Human Rights (Revision 1)

**Status:** Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

**Delivery mode:** [Individualized study online](#) 

**Credits:** 3

**Areas of study:** Arts or Social Science

**Prerequisites:** Students are strongly advised to have taken a senior university course in any of political science, political economy, sociology, communications, economics or cultural theory

**Precluded:** None

**Challenge:** POLI 450 has a challenge for credit option.

**Faculty:** [Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 



## Overview

*Political Science 450, Globalization and Human Rights*, explores the relationship between the two themes. In recent years, courses on globalization and human rights have become standard offerings at many universities. However, they are usually taught as separate courses and do not consider the relationship between the two. This course explores how globalization and human rights are interrelated. It does not assume you are well versed in either but, rather, introduces each topic separately early in the beginning of the course and then joins them later in the course, examining their interdependence.

## Outline

- Unit 1: Human Rights, Origins, and Controversies
- Unit 2: What is Globalization?
- Unit 3: How are Human Rights and Globalization Interrelated?
- Unit 4: Globalization, Human Rights, and Social Justice
- Unit 5: Globalization and Social and Cultural Rights
- Unit 6: Protecting and Promoting Human Rights—The State, the United Nations, and Civil Society
- Unit 7: Transnational Advocacy, Globalization, and Human Rights—Two Case Studies
- Unit 8: Corporate Social Responsibility—Can Corporations Promote Human Rights?

## Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for POLI 450, you must successfully complete three assignments and a final examination, and achieve a final grade of at least **D (50 percent)** .

| Activity                          | Weight | Complete by        |
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| Assignment 1: Critical Assessment | 15%    | Upon completion of |

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| Essay                                 |             | Unit 3                    |
| Assignment 2: Research Essay Proposal | 15%         | Upon completion of Unit 5 |
| Assignment 3: Research Essay          | 35%         | Upon completion of Unit 8 |
| Final Examination                     | 35%         | Upon completion of Unit 8 |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>100%</b> |                           |

The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the [Exams and grades](#) section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#).

## Materials

Ellwood, W. (2015). *Globalization: Buying and selling the world* 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Toronto:

Between the Lines (Print)

Fischlin, D, & M. Nandorfy. (2007). *The concise guide to global human rights*.

Montreal, QC: Black Rose Books. (Print)

Hertel, S. (2006). *Unexpected power: Conflict and change among*

*transnational activists*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. (Print)

## Other Materials

All other materials for POLI 450 may be accessed on-line.

# Challenge for credit

## Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

## Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the POLI 450 challenge registration, you must complete all required components, and achieve an overall grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [📄](#).

The Challenge option comprises a 100% final examination. To receive credit for the POLI 450 Challenge option, you must receive a grade of D or greater (i.e. 50% or greater) on the examination.

[📄](#) **Challenge for credit course registration form**

## Important links

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- › [Program planning](#) [↗](#)
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