

Exam scores may be normalized (curved) to 70%. Once tests/quizzes have been returned there is no make-up allowed so if you know you will be absent during an exam you may be able to take it early or other arrangements can be made. Make-ups are only given to excused absences so it's imperative that you let me know ASAP if you're going to be absent.

Exam Dates:

Thurs – week of July 6 th :	Introductory Topics, North America, Europe (Chapters 1-3 & 8)
Thurs – week of July 20 th :	Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa (Chapters 4-6)
Thurs – week of July 27 th :	Southwest Asia, Australia & Oceania, Russia (Chapters 7, 14, & 9)
Thurs – week of Aug 10 th :	Central Asia, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia (Chs 10-13)

Weekly News Article Discussions:

World issues are all over the news today, in large part due to the process of globalization and the ability to transmit information lightning-fast through the internet around the world. In a normal semester I would ask you to find one article for each realm of the world that we cover...but since we're dealing with only a seven-week course and I really am not trying to overload you (while making sure we cover the correct amount of material), I am going to keep this manageable yet effective. For each section of the course, you will be required to find, summarize and submit one online news article from some place within the realm(s) we are studying. For example, if we're in the second section of class (Russia, Africa, Mideast), then go find a news article relating to something that happened in one of those locations, and create a summary! Let me be a lot more specific about the details:

-You must find **one news article online**. Any online news website is fine, i.e. abc, cbs, bbc, cnn, fox news, etc.

-Find an article that **contains either a Geopolitical Issue or an Environmental Issue** (i.e. a political and/or environmental issue with some kind of spatial component).



o For example, civil war between two countries is an acceptable topic, an oil spill is fine, river pollution, the fall of a government, disease issues...almost anything can be considered either Geopolitical or Environmental issue really.

-**The article cannot be more than two weeks old!** I want to see relevant issues here, and you will have no trouble finding these. Just make sure it's a geopolitical or environmental issue, and that it came from the respective area(s) we are studying!

Assignment For Every Article:

- 1) Type up a summary of the article (this should be at least 500 words, but please feel free to go longer, should you need to). Include why this is either a Geopolitical Issue or an Environmental Issue.
- 2) Discuss the local and global significance of the news event in question.
- 3) Please be sure to reference your article (in APA format) at the end of your posting. If possible, include a hyperlink to the article.

4) These will be used for class discussion. It will be interesting to see everyone's viewpoints and will serve to keep us abreast of what's going on in various regions of the world that we're studying.

Grading Scale:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>
4.0	90% - 100%
3.5	85% - 89%
3.0	79% - 84%
2.5	75% - 78%
2.0	70% - 74%
1.5	65% - 69%
1.0	59% - 64%
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Incomplete grades are only available in the most extreme of circumstances. A student must have completed greater than 80% of the course points with a grade of 2.5 or greater to qualify for an Incomplete. Incomplete grades are awarded solely at the discretion of the Instructor.

Associate Degree Outcomes:

ADO 7: Critical thinking
ADO 10: Diversity



Student Academic Integrity:

The very nature of higher education requires that students adhere to accepted standards of academic integrity. Jackson College has adopted a code of academic conduct and a statement of student academic integrity, found in the catalog mentioned above. Violations include cheating and plagiarism, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of behaviors that constitute academic dishonesty.

If I find that someone has committed academic dishonesty in this course, the first action will result in a grade of 0.0 for that particular exam/quiz. If it happens again, the student will receive a failing grade for the course, and be referred to the Academic Affairs office for further discipline. Cheating in any form will not be tolerated in my class, bottom line. I do not expect any of you will ever do this; however, I need to make sure I am perfectly clear on the consequences if it happens.

Class Participation:

If you want to earn a high grade, you need to keep up with the material each week, set aside at least 9-10 hours each week to learn the material, along with completing the required news article summaries.

You may be dropped from the course due to non-attendance and/or non-participation. If circumstances prevent you from participating, please inform me ASAP. For instance, if you miss an exam or a week's worth of assignments with no explanation, you may be dropped from the course. To prevent being dropped from the course, advance written approval is required and official documentation is necessary. Once you are dropped from the course, there will be no readmission.