

The assignment: In this course we dealt with some of the political, economic, and cultural aspects of globalization and explored a number of topics dealing with these aspects of global interdependence. However, due to the structure of the course and time limitations, we were unable to explore and examine in-depth many of the topics introduced. Therefore, in this assignment you are asked to conduct research on one of the issues introduced in this course by using the VCU library database. We will have a session in class on accessing the VCU library database Tuesday November 5, 2013.

For this assignment do the following:

1. Decide which topic you wish to explore in-depth from any of the weeks in this course. You could decide on human rights, colonialism, nation-state, economic growth, IMF, etc. Make sure to choose a topic that interests you.
2. As you recall International Studies is an interdisciplinary social science field of inquiry. We have covered the main social sciences associated with examining the broad array of human relationships that involve cross-border interaction. So review the different borders and the social sciences associated with each border because you will need to explore your topic in depth through 2 of the social sciences that we discussed in this course.
3. After you have decided on the topic you will need to conduct a search for 1 scholarly article that addresses your topic in greater detail in 2 of the social sciences that you have chosen. For instance if you want to explore your chosen topic through political science and geography, then 1 article is from the discipline political science and 1 article is from geography. Of course you also must read the 2 sources. We already have several examples of this in the course with the assigned supplementary readings that provide more detail to some of the topics we covered in class. We have also analyzed these resources by examining not only their content but the social science they represent including the methodology used in the research.
4. Submit through Blackboard. Only essays submitted through Blackboard will be accepted. You will be asked to upload a Word document.
5. The essay must consist of approximately 500 words (it could be slightly longer or shorter) and in 3 clearly marked paragraphs. In this essay you compare and contrast the ways the two articles examine your topic. The essay must include an introduction where you state your topic and the two sources you have found on your topic. The second paragraph compares and contrasts the two sources and the methodology used to examine the topic. The third paragraph is your conclusion where you state how the two sources impacted your understanding of the topic.
6. Make sure you provide information from the resources using proper in-text citation and that you include bibliographic information at the end of the essay. You may use any format for in-text citation and bibliography that you are familiar with i.e. Chicago Manual, MLA, etc. However, you must be consistent.