This course on globalization seeks to ultimately provide students with a conceptually grounded understanding of the four aspects of globalization: the economic, the political, the social and the cultural. Four objectives guide this course. The first is to introduce students to the main topics and debates related to the issue of globalization. A second goal is to provide students with an array of conceptual and empirical tools that are useful in framing discussions of globalization. Third, we will explore the multifaceted ways in which globalization manifests itself and its complex impacts on individuals and societies. Finally, we will discuss the multiple ways in which individuals and collectives are challenging and shaping globalization in the contemporary world. In all of this, our emphasis will be on the developing world in general and Africa in particular.

**Week One (January 19th):** Introduction

**Week Two (January 26th):** Defining Globalisation I – Political and Economic Definitions

**Week Three (February 2nd):** Defining Globalisation II – The Cultural Definition

*FIRST REACTION PAPER DUE ON FEBRUARY 9TH*

**Week Four (February 9th):** The Globalisation of Agriculture


**Week Five** (February 16th): The Globalisation of Manufacturing


**Week Six** (February 23rd): Africa’s entry into the world of manufacturing


**Week Seven** (March 2nd): The Globalisation of Services


**Week Eight** (March 9th): Africa and the Game of Football


Darby, Paul, Akindes, Gerard and Matthew Kirwin. 2007. Football Academies and the

**SPRING BREAK (WEEK OF MARCH 14TH)**

**Week Ten** (March 23rd): Globalisation and Cross-Border Trade


**Week Eleven** (March 30th): The Global Sex Trade


*SECOND REACTION PAPER DUE ON APRIL 6TH*

**Week Twelve** (April 6th): Globalisation as a Blessing


**Week Thirteen** (April 13th) Globalisation as a Curse


**Week Fourteen** (April 20\textsuperscript{th}) Alternatives I: Anti-Globalization Campaigns


*THIRD REACTION PAPER DUE ON APRIL 27\textsuperscript{TH}*

**Week Fifteen** (April 27\textsuperscript{th}): Alternatives II: Chinese Investment


**Week Sixteen** (May 3\textsuperscript{rd}): Class Presentations

***TERM PAPER DUE IN CLASS TODAY***

**Week Seventeen** (May 10\textsuperscript{th}): IN CLASS FINAL EXAM
**Course Assignments:**
Class attendance and participation: 10%
Paper Presentation: 10%
Reaction Papers: 15%
Discussion Questions: 15%
Term Paper: 25%
Final Exam: 25%

**Course Attendance:**
It is mandatory that students attend class each week. Class absences are only allowed with permission from the academic director of the NYU-Ghana program, Prof. Akosua Anyidoho. Students will lose 2% of their grade for each unexcused absence.

**Reaction Papers:**
Each student is expected to write three reaction papers that tie your reading material/class discussion to observations you make. These observations could be newspaper reports, television reportage, radio discussions, events you attend or discussions you have with others. Your grade in each of these papers will be dependent on your level of analysis/insightfulness. The dates on which each of these papers is due is listed in the syllabus. The reaction papers should be sent to me online at keseboa@hotmail.com Failure to submit these papers on the due dates will cost you.

**Discussion Questions:**
There are fourteen weeks of class for which reading material is assigned. For ten of the thirteen weeks, you are expected to come to class with a discussion question generated by your reading of the material assigned for class that week. These questions will serve as guiding questions for our discussion each week. Over the course of the semester, your questions will be compiled and graded as part of your course work.

**Term Paper:**
Drawing on no less than eight articles, none of which should have been assigned in class, write a 10-15 paged paper on any topic of your choice that is related to this course. The final version of the paper will be due in class during the fourteenth week (December 1st). Be sure to strictly adhere to the guidelines regarding number of sources and page limits. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will cost you. The term papers will be assessed on the following criteria.

Minimum length (15 pages)  
Minimum number of sources (8 articles)  
Correct use of grammar and spelling  
Correct citation of sources  
Appropriate title  
Thesis statement  
Coverage of all ideas introduced in thesis statement  
Clarity of writing
Organisation of ideas/arguments with supporting evidence
Synthesis of information
Critical Analysis
A conclusion that ties the major ideas of the paper together
Proper Referencing

The following are good journals to look at for articles on globalization: Globalisations, Transnational Networks, International Sociology, Global Society, Race and Class, Third World Quarterly and Journal of World Systems Research

A NOTE ON PLAGIARISM
For both your reaction and term papers, I expect originality from you. Plagiarism, the use of another writer’s words without due acknowledgement, is a serious academic offence for which you will be penalized. Anybody who is unsure of exactly what constitutes plagiarism should talk to me.