

HIS 521 : Issues in Global History, Geography & Economics

This is an advanced reading seminar course in topics of global history, geography, and economics. It is specifically designed to build student understanding of selected issues in the development of human society within various geographic environments over the last two millennia, with an emphasis on the processes of globalization in recent periods. The main body of the course is organized around important areas of current research and debate by scholars; the course addresses several NCSS thematic standards, most prominently, Theme IX, Global Connections. The other thematic focuses are: including: Theme I, Culture; Theme II, Time, Continuity, and Change (historical process and context); Theme III, People, Places, and Environments (geography); Theme VIII, Science, Technology, and Society. In addition, the course contains an economics module that addresses NCSS Theme VII, Production, Distribution, and Consumption, in the context of the world economy and the forces of globalization. Students completing this course will not only increase their knowledge of global history, geography, and economics as content fields but will also be better prepared to teach these subjects in New York State.