

# Instruction for Final Exam

GLOA 610. Fall 2025

- Questions out: 7:30 **AM**, 12/15
- Deadline for submission: 7:30 **PM**, 12/16

## What is this?

- Final Essay is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your ‘fluency’ in our class readings. Use your own words to talk about the readings to show that you completed the readings and understand them.
- Using sources other than our class readings will not earn any grade at all. You may be asked to choose one out of two. If you submit two answers, only the first one will be graded.
- It takes the form of an essay. Citations and references are required. No tables, figures, or bullet points.
- Make sure you are actually answering the question, not only summarizing the readings.

## Style

- **2,500** words maximum including **only the main text**. There is no minimum required but anywhere between 1.5k and 2.5k should be ‘normal,’ length-wise. References, title, identification info, and page numbers do not count toward this limit.
- Provide citations whenever/wherever necessary. Use the in-text, ‘author year’ citation style as we discussed in class. Consult the GLOA MA Handbook for details.
- As for reference styles, there is no preference as long as one style is followed consistently (the most common are APA and Chicago). Consult the GLOA MA Handbook for details.
- As always, make it an MS Word file. PDF is also acceptable (No Page file!). You are responsible for uploading an uncorrupted and downloadable file to Canvas.
- Include in your submission the question number (simply #1 or #2). Do **not** include the question text!

## Policies

- Adhere to Mason Academic Standards. For this exam, using generative AIs or programs related to them (including Grammarly) *in any way* is strictly prohibited. *Your submission, in part or as a whole, will be subject to multiple layers of AI-writing detection procedures.*
- **36** hours are given to accommodate unexpected situations such as illness, computer problems, or job-related issues. Do not consider this a traditional ‘take-home exam’ that often requires a long stretch of time. Consider this, instead, just an ordinary essay exam, simply taking place outside of the classroom. Therefore, the essay itself is expected to take no more than 3 hours, just as a typical in-course exam would. Barring a medical emergency and accommodations set up via the Disability Office, there is **no extension of deadline**. Try to start working on it early and submit it early if possible.
- You can make a **late** submission with a slight reduction in the grade until 11:59 AM, 12/16. Beyond that, no late submissions will be accepted.
- Other than the incidence of technical problems (e.g., ‘cannot see the essay question in Canvas’), once the essay Qs are released, there shall be absolutely **no communication** between students and the instructor. Emails during this time will not be answered.

## Timeline

1. At 7:30 **AM**, 12/15, essay topics (questions) are released in Canvas (the ‘Assignment’ tab).
2. By no later than 7:30 **PM**, 12/16, your essay should be submitted in **Canvas** – the same place where the questions are. *Never email your answer.*
3. 11:00 AM, 12/17: all grades released in Canvas.
4. 12:30 – 3:00 PM, 12/17: email office hours are held. I will be email-ready during this time. **No inquiries on grades before these office hours will be answered.** The grades are finalized at midnight.