

Instruction for Final Essay

GLOA 610. Fall 2023. In-person Section

- Questions out: 7:30 AM, 12/11
- Deadline for submission: 7:30 PM, 12/12

- What is this?

- Final Essay is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your ‘fluency’ in the literature on certain topics in economic globalization and development, with particular regard to **our class readings**. Use your own words to talk about the readings to show that you completed the readings and understand them.
- If you’ve been completing the readings, there’s hardly any extra effort needed.
- Using sources other than our class readings will not earn any grade and will hurt it if not properly used.
- It takes a form of an essay. Citations and references are required (even for the class readings).
- Make sure you are actually answering the question, not only summarizing the readings.
- Adhere to Mason Honor Code. For this exam, using generative AIs or programs related to them in any way (not even for proofreading) is strictly prohibited.

- Style

- 2,500 words maximum including only the main text. There is no minimum requirement 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. Do not make any appendix, table, chart, or figure.
- 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 references, 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 a PDF or Word file. You are responsible for uploading an uncorrupted and downloadable file to Blackboard.
- **36** hours are given to accommodate a swath of 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, instead, this just an ordinary essay exam, simply taking place out of class. Therefore, the essay itself is actually expected to take no more than 3 hours just as a typical in-course exam would. I believe you can carve out three hours out of a 36-hour time window no matter the circumstances. Barring a medical emergency, thus, there is **no extension of deadline**. So try to start working on it early and submit it early if possible. You can, of course, make a late submission with a slight reduction in the grade until 11:59 AM, 12/13. Beyond that, no submission will be accepted because grades cannot be entered into the system.
- Other than the incidence of technical problems (e.g., ‘cannot see the essay topic in Blackboard’), once the essay topics are released, there shall be absolutely **no communication** between students and the instructor until the deadline. Emails during this time will not be answered.

- Timeline

1. At 7:30 AM, 12/11, essay topics (questions) are released in Blackboard (the ‘Assignment’ tab). You may be asked to choose one out of two.
2. By no later than 7:30 PM, 12/12, your essay should be submitted in **Blackboard** – the same place where the questions are. *Never email your answer.*
3. 11:00 AM, 12/13: all grades released in Blackboard.
4. 12:30 – 3:00 PM, 12/13: email office hours are held. I will be email-ready during this time. **No inquiries on grades before these office hours will be answered.**