

Final Exam Instructions

GLOA 400, Spring 2024

Final Exam

- READ THIS CAREFULLY.
- Final Exam as a whole accounts for 20% of your class grade.
- The final exam consists of two different essays.
- One essay will broadly reflect one of the general topics we covered in the course. You will be given **two** questions and asked to choose one (and only one). This is 18% of the class grade. This should be no longer than 2000 words. A good answer for this one shall demonstrate that you paid close attention to the class discussion and lectures on the subject and, in particular, the class readings. Answers not significantly engaging in the class readings result in poor grades. You are neither encouraged nor discouraged to use sources not discussed in the class.
- The other essay will be specifically about the presentations that your classmates gave. You will be given three and asked to choose one. (If the question is about your own presentation, you should choose one of the other two). This is 2% of the class grade. This should be no longer than 200 words. A good answer for this one shall demonstrate that you paid reasonable attention to your classmates' presentations.
- These questions will be posted in blackboard at 10:30 AM, 5/6.
- Make sure you are submitting one MS-Word file (no other format accepted) containing both answers.
- The deadline is 10:30 AM, 5/7, which is a University-imposed final exam date. The submission should be made via Blackboard, the same place where the questions are released. *Do not email your essays*—they will be considered un-submitted. Those who submitted a written accommodation form will have a two-hour extension.
- Do **not** consider this a 'take-home' exam, which would usually require a long stretch of time to be committed. Instead, consider it a regular exam that is simply taken online. I am expecting that it will take not much more than 2 hours. And you can carve out 2 hours from a 24-hour period. You are given 24 hours in case you need flexibility (e.g., conflict with other exams, technical difficulties, and life events).
- You are responsible for securing a stable internet connection for taking this exam.
- No extension will be given and late submission will be graded accordingly. The only exception will be medical emergencies. So if you finish early, submit it early. Don't sit on it. That said, **late** submissions are accepted with a slight reduction in grade until 9:00 PM, 5/8. Beyond that, not even a late submission could be accepted.
- This is an essay, so format-wise, all the requirements for the current event paper apply.
- Once the exam questions are released, there will be absolutely **no** individual communication between the professor and students about the final exam until the designated office hours (see below). Email inquiries will not be answered. This is to ensure absolute fairness in the exam.

Aftermath

- After the exam, all the grades will be made available in Blackboard at 11:00 AM, 5/8.
- On the same day, special office hours are held between 12:30 and 3:00 PM, during which time you can ask questions about the grades via email. I will be promptly responsive to your inquiries.
- The grades will be finalized at midnight the same day.