

Final Exam Instruction

GLOA 396, Fall 2025 (7:30PM, Dec 10 through 7:30PM, Dec 11)

Final Exam

- Final Exam as a whole accounts for 20% of your class grade. It's entirely on-line and open book. There won't be any kind of proctor.
- 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 and life events).
- Adhere to [Mason Academic Standards](#). For this exam, using generative AIs or other writing-assistant programs (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.*
- It consists of two different types of essays.
- The first type 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. If you submit answers for both, only the first one will be graded.
 - This 'reading-related' essay 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. An answer not significantly engaging in the class readings results in poor grades. Discussions of non-course readings will be considered non-existent.
 - Citations and references are required. The style does not matter as long as you use one of the standard formats consistently (e.g., APA or Chicago).
- The other type of essay will be specifically about the presentations that your classmates gave. The question will be very straightforward. It won't be a trick question. This is 2% of the class grade and should be no longer than 200 words.
- These questions will be posted in Canvas at **7:30 PM, Dec 10**. Make sure you are submitting a **single** MS-Word or PDF file (no other format accepted) containing both answers.
 - The deadline is **7:30 PM, Dec 11**. The submission should be made via Canvas, the same place where the questions are released. 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. Do not email your answer, which will be considered un-submitted.
- Accommodations are provided only through [Disability Service](#) (arranged in advance).
- You are responsible for securing a stable internet connection for taking this exam. 'I didn't have an internet connection' won't constitute a legitimate excuse unless it was a widespread blackout.
- 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.

Aftermath

- All grades will be made available in Canvas at 11:00 AM, 12/15. Email inquiries on grades won't be answered until then.
- 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.