

#### 4. Understanding Globalization

**Course Objective:** the Purpose of this course is to give students a basic understanding of what is meant by the phenomenon of globalization, its source and forms. In addition, students will obtain a familiarity with both key global actors and certain urgent problems that requires solutions and global level.

##### **1. Globalization**

a) What is it?

b) Economic, Political, Technological and Cultural Dimensions (09 Lectures)

##### **2. Contemporary World Actors**

a) United Nations

b) World Trade Organisation (WTO)

c) Group of 77 Countries (G-77) (25 Lectures)

##### **3. Contemporary World Issues**

a) Global Environmental Issues (Global Warming, Bio-diversity, Resource Scarcities)

b) Poverty and Inequality

c) International Terrorism (26 Lectures)

#### Reading List

##### **Essential Readings**

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