
CONAHEC 2011
**International Higher Education Collaboration:
Empowering Societies In An Era Of Transformation**

**Teaching Globalization:
Is Introductory Sociology The Answer?**

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**IS THIS THE FUTURE OF OUR STUDENTS IF THEY
ARE NOT PREPARED FOR THE GLOBAL STAGE
AND CHALLENGES?**



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IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL!



Globalization is obviously surrounding us.

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Things are changing:

- × Importance of “Learning to Learn”
- × Guide on the Side instead of Sage on the Stage

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Things are changing:

+Learning via cell phone, tablets, notebooks, smaller, more powerful hand-helds, cloud computing, social networking, what's next???

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SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

Things are changing:

Face book- 500 Million Active Users

MySpace- 110 Million Active Users

LinkedIn- 35 Million Active Users

What does this mean for the educator?

The level of global interaction has reached proportions never before experienced, in other words, the world just got smaller.

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WHERE CAN WE TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT GLOBALIZATION?

- ✘ What is the most practical course in the traditional general education curriculum to teach about globalization?
- ✘ Where is the application of social, cultural, and political differences taught?
- ✘ Where can we influence the most students with the least disruption to the traditional curriculum?

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TEACHING FRESHMEN ABOUT GLOBALIZATION

- ✘ What is the best approach?
- ✘ How do we hold their interest?
- ✘ How do we integrate technology?

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BIG GLOBAL PICTURE & CURRICULUM

- ▶ Faculty need to capitalize on the strengths of curriculum
- ▶ Administration needs to ensure the faculty are up to speed on the “ Big Global Picture”
- ▶ Realize the curriculum is not limited the campus setting, rather the entire global stage
- ▶ Relate global issues and scenarios to all courses of study, not just Political Science or International Business

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THE SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE AND GLOBALIZATION

Faculty Members can use the following topics to introduce globalization to students:

- × Contemporary Social Change and Globalization
- × International Business and Impact on the World Economy
- × Impact of Globalization on Geo-political Systems

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Questions + Comments +
Discussion = Solutions

No answers just questions and comments, but
by posing questions and having discussions, we
will come up with solutions.

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