

### **Inquiry into the Global Community (Default Course)**

One issue that we hear a lot about from institutional, national, and international leaders is the influence that globalization will have on our lives in the next several decades. For example, even here at UT, the curriculum, speakers, and academic focus have been evolving as of late to reflect this change. Think of the "Ready for the World" initiative that is heavily advertised around campus. As traditional borders (mental and physical) are changing and dissolving, we are challenged to think outside of our local and national perspectives and to explore the realities behind the idea of the "global community." This class will investigate issues central to this ongoing globalization, from the different nationalist perspectives on world issues to the effects of the global culture on local communities. This class will emphasize the comparison of disparate world views, as well as the cross-pollination that frequently happens between international perspectives.