

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST  
 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
 THE FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE APPROVAL FORM  
 (Courses Numbered 001-599)

15 Copies Required for Courses Numbered 001-499  
 20 Copies Required for Courses Numbered 500-599

1. DEPARTMENT, COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: Labor 204, Labor and the Global Economy
2. SCHOOL OR COLLEGE: Social and Behavioral Sciences
3. Proposer's Name, Telephone and Email: Eve Weinbaum, 577-0458, weinbaum@lrrc.umass.edu
4. Proposed Instructor: Liana Foxvog
5. Course Credits: 4.00
6. Are there Prerequisites? No      If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What is the intended clientele? Lower Division XX Upper Division XX  
 Department majors only \_\_\_\_\_ Departmental/related majors XX Non-Majors XX  
 If course is intended for majors, what role will it play in the curriculum? Required \_\_\_\_\_ Elective XX\*\*  
\*\*for sociology majors
8. Complete Course Catalog Description (30 Words):  

An introduction to the basic concepts about globalization and its impact on workers in the U.S. and internationally, focusing on the impacts of recent trends in economic and political globalization on workers in the U.S. and abroad. Students will gain a working understanding of major international institutions' affects on working people and labor markets, from a labor perspective. The course also provides an examination of ways in which workers, their unions, social movements, and solidarity activists are resisting the degradation of local economies and working for change in the global economy.
9. Please attach the following materials:  
 XX \_\_\_\_\_ Week-by-week outline of topics covered in course (or syllabus)  
 XX \_\_\_\_\_ List of Required readings  
 XX \_\_\_\_\_ Description of required assignments (papers, exams, projects, reports, presentations, etc.)  
 XX \_\_\_\_\_ Summary of course grade criteria  
 XX \_\_\_\_\_ Selected bibliography of works used by instructor in developing course, especially recent works (as appropriate)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ If the course number is above 200 and there are no prerequisites, please explain
10. If course has been offered as an experimental or special topics course, please comment (on an attached page) on its evolution.

See attached

*Upon approval of the course by the department head, one copy of this form shall be sent from the departmental office to the Faculty Senate Office to allow for the course to be published on the University's Web Site for comment.*

*For courses numbered 500-599, the "Guidelines for Course Approval Form" from the Graduate Council must accompany the new course proposal.*

Attachment for Labor 204, Labor and the Global Economy, course proposal--evolution

For the past seven, fall semesters Labor 190A has been offered as an experimental course with an average class enrollment of 67. The course was first taught by Professor Stephanie Luce (no longer at the University) and until last fall, it was taught by Visiting Lecturer, Liana Foxvog. Using current Global and Labor events and issues along with providing a foundational understanding to basic concepts of Global Economy this course has evolved into a solid course offering now also fulfilling the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Global Education Requirement as well as an "SB" GenEd. The Labor Studies Center merger with the Sociology Department has initiated this change so that it can count as a 200 or above sociology elective for majors.

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- Bronfenbrenner, K. (Ed.). (2007). *Global Unions: Challenging Transnational Capital Through Cross-Border Campaigns*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
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- Meyerson, H. (2009). *Workers of the World: A Report on the Rise of Global Unions and the Case for International Labor Standards*. New America Foundation.
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- Rodriguez, R. (2010). *Migrants for Export: How the Philippine State Brokers Labor to the World*. University of Minnesota Press.