

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 238	Course Title : International Political Economy
Required / Elective : elective	Pre / Co-requisites : n/a
Catalog Description: Historical perspective of the evolution of the international political economy since the 19th century; the end of the bipolar system and the impacts of globalization. New regional economic alliances such as NAFTA, ASEAN, EU and the way in which the international economy started to dominate the current world politics.	Textbook / Required Material : reader provided by the instructor
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS	
Extended Description : The purpose of this class is to situate contemporary world politics in its economic context. The major focus of the class will be on understanding the processes and political impacts of the rise of neo-liberalism in the world, global capitalist markets, and international economic alliances such as EU, NAFTA, or ASEAN. The class will survey the recent political-economic history of the world, including the failure of ISI economies, oil crises, transition to export-oriented economies, development and democratization in the world. Particular emphasis will be given on the changing role of the state in the developing world, state-business relations and the prospects of democratization in the context of global economy.	
Design content : none	Computer usage: required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the economic context of contemporary political systems in the world • Understand the role of global capitalist markets in the transformation of the state – society relations • Analyze the relationship between economic development and democratization • Evaluate the necessity and political impacts of different economic policies • Use course content to analyze the political-economy of selected countries in the world and deliver class presentations 	
Teaching methods: Lectures, class discussion, presentations, slides	
Assessment methods: Class participation: 10% Quizzes: 20% Midterm exam:30% Final exam: 40%	

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					x
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					x
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
IR6	Understand the international legal framework				x	
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					x
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)				x	
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics					
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically			x		
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					

10	Have self-confidence					
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences					x
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups					
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms					
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public		x			
16	Understand, read, and write in English					
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report			x		
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy					

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	70 hrs
Lectures and discussions	40 hrs
Presentations	35 hrs
Examinations	5 hrs
TOTAL	150 hrs (25X6) 6 ECTS

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