

**Course Profile - Department of International Relations**

Course Number : <b>POLS 356</b>	Course Title : <b>Political Economy</b>
Required / Elective : Required for the Political Science Program, elective for the International Relations Program	Pre / Co-requisites : n/a
Catalog Description: Relationship between economic processes and political institutions. Analysis of state intervention in the economic market. Comprehension of globalizing economic processes from the perspectives of the state and politics; global monetary system. Fundamental approaches in international political economy; state-market relations; international institutions; national and international policies that affect and are affected by domestic and international economy. International investment; international money; economic crises and their effects on politics.	Textbook / Required Material : reader provided by the instructor
Course Structure / Schedule : ( <b>3+0+0</b> ) <b>3 / 5 ECTS</b>	
Extended Description : This class will examine the complex ways in which political institutions and processes shape economic life and they are shaped by it. One of the focus points of the class will be the relationship between economic development and political liberalization. The class will survey different economic policies including ISI and export-oriented economies and their relationship between authoritarian, semi-authoritarian, pseudo-democratic or democratic political systems. Particular emphasis will be given on discussing the relationship between global capitalism and democratization, focusing on the rise of new economic groups in the developing world, and their pressure on the state institutions to down-size and open up.	
Design content : n/a	Computer usage: required
<p><b>Course Outcomes:</b> By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the relationship between economic and political variables</li> <li>• Understand the costs and benefits of different economic policies and their feasibility in different political contexts</li> <li>• Explore the impact of different political systems (such as authoritarianism or democracy) on economic development</li> <li>• Consider new opportunities for democratization in the context of global capitalism</li> <li>• Deliver class presentations on selected cases where course information will be used to make sense of cases from the real-world</li> </ul>	
Teaching methods: Lectures, class discussion, videotapes/slides	

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	Realism
2	Realism & Liberalism
3	Liberalism
4	Liberalism & Marxism
5	Marxism
6	Feminism
7	Globalization of production: the rise of the multinational enterprise
8	Globalization of production: the rise of the multinational enterprise
9	International monetary relations and the IMF
10	International monetary relations and the IMF
11	International development and the World Bank
12	International development and the World Bank
13	International Trade and the World Trade Organization
14	International Trade and the World Trade Organization
15	Review

Assessment methods:

Class participation	10 %
Presentation	10 %
Quizzes	20 %
Midterm exam	25 %
Final exam	35 %

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					x
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					x

	international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects				x	
IR6	Understand the international legal framework					
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					x
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			x		
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.)					
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			x		
10	Have self-confidence		x			
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences					
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		x			
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly			x		
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public					x
16	Understand, read, and write in English					x
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	55 hrs
Lectures and discussions	40 hrs
Quizzes and presentations	25 hrs
Examinations	5 hrs
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>125 hrs (25X5) 5 ECTS</b>

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