OBJECTIVE

The objective of the course is to provide an introduction to international political economy. It will examine the interaction of economic and political factors in the study of international issues and relations. It will first provide a brief discussion of alternative approaches to IPR, and then use these approaches to examine substantive issues in IPE. The course will focus on key concepts and analytical approaches in IPE, and relate them to real world events and issues.

PREREQUISITES

It is useful, but not necessary, for students to have some background in economic principles and international relations.

REQUIREMENTS

Students will be required to take a midterm (worth 30 points) and a final (worth 40 points) and write a short term paper (no more than fifteen pages in length) on a topic to be approved by instructor (worth 30 points).

TEXTBOOKS

The main textbooks for the course are:


Also recommended:


# CLASS SCHEDULE

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SYLLABUS AND READING LIST

PART I: POLITICAL ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

1. Political Economy and International Political Economy


2. Approaches to International Political Economy


PART II: INTERNATIONAL TRADE

3. International trade and the economy


Notes to be distributed.

4. International trade, trade policy and politics


5. The world trading system and the World Trade Organization


6. International trade and development


PART III: INTERNATIONAL MONEY AND PAYMENTS

7. Balance of payments, exchange rates and the economy

Notes to be distributed

8. Politics of monetary policy and exchange rates


9. International monetary system and the International Monetary Fund


PART IV: INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL FLOWS

10. Foreign direct investment and transnational corporations


11. International capital flows and the foreign debt


12. International capital movements and financial crises


**13. Foreign aid**


Easterly, William (2002). “Cartel of good intentions”, *Foreign Policy*

**PART V: OTHER ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY**

**14. International Migration**


**15. Technology transfers and intellectual property rights**


**16. The global environment**


17. Globalization
