

POLITICAL SCIENCE 360

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

University of Arizona

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 1pm – 1:50pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will investigate the link between economics and politics in the international environment. The course will discuss the political and economic structures of the international system after World War Two. The course will also trace the emergence of globalization as a major theme in the discussion of the international political economy. The course will also discuss the growing power of non-state actors in the international political economy and the potential impact of this growth for the study of international politics. The course will examine the conventional approaches to these questions and major critical approaches.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A. and David Lake *International Political Economy, 4th Edition*
- Gilpin, Robert *The Challenge of Global Capitalism*
- Larsson, Tomas *The Race To The Top: The Real Story of Globalization*
- Naylor, R.T. *Wages of Crime*
- Peterson, V. Spike *A Critical Rewriting of Global Political Economy: Integrating reproductive, productive, and virtual economies*
- Spero, Joan Edelman and Jeffrey A. Hart *The Politics of International Economic Relations, 6th Edition*
- World Bank Policy Research Reports *Globalization, Growth, and Poverty: Building an Inclusive World Economy* (also available as a free download from the World Bank Web Site)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

- Weaver, Frederick S. *Economic Literacy*

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Survey the history of the present day International Political Economy
- Identify the major actors in the international political economy and understand how these actors are changing over time
- Identify the underlying principles of the institutions of the international political economy and the major criticisms of these principles
- Understand the major economic relationships that affect politics at the global level
- Identify the major terms used in the discussion of the international political economy
- Identify the major theoretical approaches to the study of international political economy

GRADING: This course has an optional final exam

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Exam 1 (due Feb 16)	25%	30%	90 and up%	A
Exam 2 (due Mar 23)	25%	30%	80 - 89%	B
Paper (due April 20)	25%	40%	70 - 79%	C
Final Exam (May 7)	25%		60 - 69%	D
			59 and under	E

Nature of the Exams:

There are three take-home exams in this course. The exams will be a mix of short answer and essay questions. The exams will be posted at least two weeks prior to the due date.

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

It is expected that students will participate in the discussion. Education is not simply a one-way process. Further, the subject matter in this course is complex at times and may require clarification. Students are encouraged to ask questions regarding material in the lectures and the readings.

MISSED EXAMS:

The exams are in a take-home format and ample time is given for their completion. Students are expected to complete their exams on time.

ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL ACADEMIC NEEDS:

Students with special needs as identified by the University of Arizona will be accommodated in accordance with University policy. Please inform the instructor AS SOON AS POSSIBLE of any special needs that will require accommodation.

ATTENDANCE:

This course will move very quickly. Attendance is vital to success in this course. If it is necessary to miss a class, it is the responsibility of the student to get the notes from that day of class from another student in the class.

EXTRA CREDIT:

There will be NO extra credit assigned in this course.

CELL PHONES, PAGERS, AND OTHER CURSES OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY:

When a cell phone or pager goes off in class it is highly disruptive. Please either turn off all such infernal devices or set them to vibrate while you are in class.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

All students should be aware of the University rules regarding academic honesty. Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. Any student caught cheating will receive an E in the course and will be reported to the University Committee on Academic Misconduct and handled in accordance with University policy. If you are unsure as to what constitutes academic dishonesty, please consult the University of Arizona Code of Academic Integrity.

Topics for class lectures and reading assignments are available on the course web page: <http://www.u.arizona.edu/~gcdixon>