

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Global Political Economy

Course Number and Section

POLISCI

2257 550

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Course Description:

Political Science 2257 is a comprehensive survey of the principal issues, perspectives and debates in the field of global political economy. Students are not expected to have a background in economics. Classes are a mix of lectures and discussion sessions. The course begins by tracing the ways in which trends in international trade, production and finance contributed to the development of a globalising economy. The consequences of economic globalisation for national and international politics are considered next, as well as the current challenges facing the global economy. Ideas about how to address both the most recent and the longer-standing problems associated with economic globalisation are then explored. The course ends with a consideration of the possible future directions of the global economy.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Students who successfully complete this course are expected to demonstrate: • an accurate understanding of how the global economy works

- an accurate understanding of each of the theoretical approaches to global political economy

- the ability to critically assess the application of these theoretical frameworks to each of the topics examined in the course

- the ability to participate effectively in informed and constructive discussion of scholarly works

- good time management skills and good use of available resources and offers of assistance

- behaviour consistent with academic integrity and social responsibility

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Required textbook: Theodore H. Cohn and Anil Hira, Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice, 9th edition (New York: Routledge, 2025).

The print version of this book is on order at the Western University bookstore, which is pricing the book at \$176. E-book versions of the text can be accessed for one year for \$107.25 through Vital Source at <https://www.vitalsource.com/en-ca/products/global->

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation grade	Regularly assessed	30%
Mid-term test	11/09/2026	10%
Mid-year examination	December exam period	15%
Mid-term test	02/24/2027	20%
Final examination	April exam period	25%

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For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.