

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Global Political Economy**

Course Number and Section:

POLISCI

2257 550

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Disclaimer: Information in the brief course outline is subject to change. The syllabus posted on OWL is the official and authoritative source of information for the course.

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.

1. Evolution of the Global Political Economy
2. Theoretical Perspectives on the Global Political Economy
3. International Trade
4. Foreign Direct Investment and Transnational Production
5. The International Monetary System
6. The Global Financial System
7. Global Neoliberalisation
8. The Global Political Economy and the Environment
9. The Global Political Economy and Labour
10. The Global Political Economy and Domestic Politics: Inequality, Democracy, Nationalism and Populism
11. The Global Political Economy and Security
12. Global Economic Governance
13. The Global Political Economy of Development and North-South Relations
14. Alternatives to Neoliberal Globalisation
15. The Future of the Global Economy?

Learning Outcomes:

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the ability to critically assess the application of these theoretical frameworks to each of the topics examined in the course |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the ability to participate effectively in informed and constructive discussion of scholarly works |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• good time management skills and good use of available resources and offers of assistance |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• behaviour consistent with academic integrity and social responsibility |

Textbooks and Course Materials:

1. Theodore H. Cohn and Anil Hira, Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice, 8th edition (New York: Routledge, 2021).
2. Readings listed in the course schedule other than those from the textbook can be accessed from the Huron library's Course Readings service.
3. Additional required readings will be assigned throughout the course.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
1. A participation grade worth 30% of the final grade, based on the quality and regularity of participation in class discussions. Note that 2/3 of this participation grade is evaluated on the basis of regular quizzes designed to prepare students for class discussion. Only students who are present during the full class discussion on the day of the quiz will receive a grade for the quiz. Students must all write the quiz at the same time, which is normally at the beginning of class. These brief quizzes are not written assignments but are tools to help assess your participation in class discussions. If you are not in class when the quiz and discussion take place, obviously your performance cannot be assessed. For this reason, there will be no make-up quizzes held under any circumstances. However, only the highest 80% of quiz grades earned during the course of the academic year will be used to calculate the final overall quiz grade.		
2. A mid-term test worth 15% of the final grade to be written in class on Monday, 17 November 2025.		
3. A second-term test worth 20% of the final grade to be written in class on Wednesday, 4 March 2026.		
4. A two-hour final examination covering all aspects of the course, worth 35% of the final grade.		

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Friday, August 15, 2025