

CALENDAR INFORMATION

POLS*3790 International Political Economy W (3-0) [0.50]

This course examines major features of the contemporary international political economy, treating major theories and concepts within this approach to international relations (hegemony, globalization, interdependence, world systems theory, etc.) and focusing on the operation of key international institutions and regimes (i.e. communications, trade and transport policy).

Prerequisite(s):

1 of IDEV*2010, IDEV*2500, POLS*2080, POLS*2100, POLS*2200

Department(s):

Department of Political Science

Credit Weighting:**Pre-/Co-Requisites:****Restrictions:****INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION****Name:** Adam Sneyd**Email:** asneyd@uoguelph.ca**Office Location:** MCKN 536**GENERAL DETAILS**

POLS*3790 provides students with a comprehensive introduction to the field of International Political Economy (IPE). This transdisciplinary field covers the global intersection of politics and economics in plain English. As such, POLS*3790 showcases concepts and theories that help us to better understand global political conflicts over economic ideas, policies and institutions. The course ultimately aims to enable students to apply conceptual insights from IPE to the politics of current events in international relations, and also to their everyday lives.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course advances Political Science learning outcomes related to political inquiry and analysis, information literacy, global understanding, reading comprehension and integrative communication. Upon successful completion of the course students will be able to comprehend and communicate key concepts and theories in the IPE literature. They will also be able to apply these concepts and theories to the analysis of contemporary events. Through the pursuit of independent, question-driven inquiry into the political economy of a particular commodity, students will have also learned a practical way to analyze political economy issues and apply theories in this field. Students will ultimately command broad knowledge of the political ideas, institutions and power relationships that shape the global economy. After POLS*3790, students will understand and be conversant with the concepts, theories and themes necessary to pursue the study of advanced topics in this emerging transdisciplinary field.

COURSE FORMAT

Monday/Wednesday/Friday lectures 9:30-10:20am; Fridays for ten weeks of the term will be student-led media analysis presentations with partners.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Book Review (not a book 'report') - 20%
Media Analysis Presentation with a partner - 10%
Term Paper - 35%
Final Take Home Assignment -35%

REQUIRED READING

Jason Hickel - Less is More: How Degrowth will Save the World (for the book review)
Robert O'Brien and Marc Williams - Global Political Economy (6th Edition) (core text)