



POLS*3790 MONEY, POWER AND GLOBAL POLITICS

Credit Weighting: 0.5

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Restrictions: MONEY, POWER
AND GLOBAL
POLITICS IS
RUNNING IN F26

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GENERAL DETAILS

POLS*3790 Money, Power and Global Politics advances Political Science learning outcomes related to political inquiry and analysis, information literacy, global understanding, reading comprehension and integrative communication. POLS*3790 does so through immersing students in contemporary issues in money, power and global politics. It 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 money, finance, trade, and investment in international relations, and to their everyday lives. POLS*3790 commences with a brief introduction to several prominent IPE approaches and core concepts, and proceeds to review the political evolution and dynamics of the contemporary world economy through focusing on the politics of global economic management. The final weeks of the course will feature political perspectives on the future of capitalism, and also on the political economy of everyday life. 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.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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 issues involving money and power. 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 advances topics in this emerging transdisciplinary field (POLS*4200 W25)

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

- in-class political analysis of a media piece presentation with a partner - 20%
- in-class mid-term term - 20%
- in-class review essay – Muskism by Ben Tarnoff and Quinn Slobodian (2026) - 20%
- in-class final exam - 40%

REQUIRED READING

Robert O'Brien and Marc Williams. 2025. Global Political Economy (7th edn.). Bloomsbury w Online Student Resources

Ben Tarnoff and Quinn Slobodian (2026) *Muskism: A Guide for the Perplexed*. HarperCollins