

International Political Economy  
Department of Political Science  
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### **Description**

Welcome to international political economy (IPE). This course is designed to help students better understand the intersection of political science and economics within the context of the global economy. Over the course of this semester, we will cover various topics including international trade, factor movements, financial flows, and development. I encourage an eclectic approach to IPE, which means we will pursue course material from various perspectives critically questioning assumption, data, and concepts.

### **Class Objectives**

At the end of this course you will have a better understanding of the following topics:

- history of the global economy and trends in globalization
- basic economic theory including supply and demand
- politics of trade, finance, and development
- economic models of trade, finance, and development
- exchange rates and the policy trilemma
- role of the WTO, IMF, and World Bank in the global economy
- determinants of growth and development

### **Texts**

The following texts will serve as our primary texts and all other readings will be available in my public space or on-line.

- Oatley, Thomas, “International Political Economy: Interests and Institutions in the Global Economy.”
- Oatley, Thomas, “Debates in International Political Economy.”

### **Course Work**

- Essays (20%) You will have two essays that will be 5 to 6 pages. Each essay will require you to apply the material we are covering in class. Final copies must be typed and stapled and your writing must be simple, clear, and concise. More details will be provided with each assignment.
- Debate Presentation (10%) You will present one debate that will take place over the semester in class. You will be part of a group and will receive a group grade for this assignment. The

debates should create an informative and critical discussion and will be graded accordingly. Simply readings notes in front of the class will not be acceptable for this assignment.

- Debate Review (5%) Following your debate, each group member will write their own two page review of what they learned about the issue covered in their debate. Reviews will be due one week after the debate.
- Midterm (25%) This exam will include definitions of key concepts and essay questions. It is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> during class.
- Final exam (30%) A comprehensive final covering all of the course material will be given on the day of our scheduled final, April 30<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:30.
- Class participation (10%) It is critical that you come to class prepared and ready to participate. I want you to ask questions and to let me know if the material needs to be clarified or expanded upon, but this can only happen if you have read before class and are prepared with questions and comments. I will periodically give quizzes, based on the assigned reading or lecture, and these will be used as part of your participation grade.
- Summary of course requirements.
  - Assignments=20%
  - Debate Presentation=10%
  - Debate Review=5%
  - Midterm=25%
  - Final exam=30%
  - Participation=10%
  - Total=100

### **Make-Up Policy**

No make-up work will be allowed unless excused for athletic reasons or due to a serious emergency. If you miss the midterm then the final will count for 55% of your final grade, and all students will take the final on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30.

### **Grading Scale**

94+=A, 93-90=A-, 89-87=B+, 86-84=B, 83-80=B-, 79-77=C+, 76-74=C, 73-70=C-, 69-67=D+, 66-64=D, 63-60=D-, <59=F.

### **Attendance**

You must attend all classes. The only excused absences are for serious emergencies and all other absences will be counted as unexcused. Do not miss class. I want you here and I want to teach you IPE, but I cannot do so unless you show up to class.

### **Class Expectations**

No computers, cell phones, or other electronic devices are permitted at any time during class. If you text, surf the web, daydream, take random trips to the bathroom, or annoy the class in general then you will karaoke a current hit, breakdance in front of the class, and/or perform some combination of the two with great enthusiasm.

<b>Course Schedule</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Required Reading</b>	<b>Recommended Reading</b>
1/15	Course Overview	None	
<b>1. Introduction to IPE</b>			
1/20	What is IPE?	-Oatley pp.1-15 -Rodrik, Dani. 1997. "Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate." -Kenny, Charles. 2012. "We're All the 1 Percent."	-Lake, David. "International Political Economy: A Maturing Interdiscipline."
1/22	History of Global Economy	-Oatley pp.15-20 -Friedman, Thomas. "It's a Flat World, After All." -Fox, Justin. "The World is Still Not Flat." Read online at <a href="https://hbr.org/2014/11/the-world-is-still-not-flat/">https://hbr.org/2014/11/the-world-is-still-not-flat/</a>	-Bordo et. al. "Is Globalization Today Really Different Than Globalization a Hundred Years Ago?"
<b>2. International Trade</b>			
1/27	The WTO	-Oatley pp.21-44 -Watts, Jonathan. "Field of tears." Read online at <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/world/2003/sep/16/northkorea.wto">http://www.theguardian.com/world/2003/sep/16/northkorea.wto</a>	
1/29	The (Economic) Case for Trade	-Oatley pp. 45-68 -Krugman, Paul. "The economics of QWERTY." -Driskill, Robert. "Deconstructing the argument for free trade."	
2/3	Explaining Trade Preferences	-Oatley pp.69-88	-Mansfield, Edward, et al. "Men, Women, Trade, and Free Markets."
2/5	Governments & Trade	-Oatley pp. 91-110 -Jones, Claire and Chris Giles. "Research reshapes debate on global trade policy."	-Nunn, Nathan, et al. "The Economics of Fair Trade."
2/10	Debates in International Trade	-Oatley Debates. 1, 2, 4	
<b>3. Multinational Corporations</b>			
2/12	MNCs	-Oatley pp. 164-188 -Strom, Stephanie. "Multinational Companies Court Lower-Income Consumers." <i>The New York Times</i> . Online at	

		<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/18/business/international/multinational-companies-court-lower-income-consumers.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/18/business/international/multinational-companies-court-lower-income-consumers.html</a>	
2/17	The Politics of MNCs	-Polgreen, Lydia. "As Coal Boosts Mozambique, the Rural Poor Are Left Behind." -Drezner, Daniel. 2000. "Bottom Feeders."	-Meyer, Klaus. E. 2004. "Perspectives on multinational enterprises in emerging economies."
2/19	Debating MNCs	-Oatley Debates 6, 7, 8	
2/24	Regulating MNCs	-Oatley pp. 180-201 -Midterm Review	
2/26	Midterm		
<b>4. International Money &amp; Exchange Rates</b>			
3/3	Exchange Rates & BOP	-Oatley pp. 214-222 -Raghuram, Rajan. "Currencies Aren't The Problem."	-Broz, Lawrence J. and Jeffrey A. Frieden. "The Political Economy of Exchange Rates."
3/17	Bretton Woods	-Oatley pp. 222-236 & 237-247	
3/19	Managing Exchange Rates & Globalization	-Oatley pp. 247-258 -Liaquat, Ahamed. "Currency Wars, Then and Now: How Policymakers Can Avoid the Perils of the 1930s."	
3/24	Exchange Rate Preferences	-Oatley pp. 259-281	
3/26	Governments & Exchange Rates	-Oatley pp. 283-295	-Bernhard, William, J. Lawrence Broz, and William Roberts Clark. 2002. "The Political Economy of Monetary Institutions."
3/31	Debates in Money & Finance	-Oatley Debates 9, 10, 13	
<b>5. Growth and Development</b>			
4/2	Theory	-Easterly, William. "Technology: How to Succeed Without Knowing How." Ch. 12 in <i>The Tyranny of Experts</i> . -The Economist, (2013). "A hopeful continent." -The Economist (2014). "The headwinds return."	-Szirmai, Adam. "Explaining Success and Failure in Development." -Easterlin, Richard A. 2000. "The

		<p>-The Economist, (2013). “Not always with us.”</p> <p>-Hobbes, Michael. “Stop Trying to Save the World.” Read online at <a href="http://www.newrepublic.com/article/120178/problem-international-development-and-plan-fix-it">http://www.newrepublic.com/article/120178/problem-international-development-and-plan-fix-it</a></p>	<p>Worldwide Standard of Living Since 1800.”</p> <p>-Jerven, Morten. 2010. “African Growth Recurring: An Economic History Perspective on African Growth Episodes, 1690-2010.”</p>
4/7	Trade & Development	<p>-Oatley pp. 111-132</p> <p>-<i>The Economist</i>. “Even Dragons Tire.” 10/25/2014.</p> <p>-Birdsall, Nancy and F. Fukuyama. “The Post-Washington Consensus: Development After the Crisis.”</p> <p>-Gettleman, Jeffrey. “Ebola Ravages Economies in West Africa.” Read online at <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/31/world/africa/ebola-ravages-economies-in-west-africa.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/31/world/africa/ebola-ravages-economies-in-west-africa.html</a></p>	<p>-Dollar and Kraay. 2002. “Spreading the Wealth.”</p>
4/9	Trade & Development: Reform	<p>-Oatley pp. 133-157</p>	
4/14	Finance & Development	<p>-Oatley pp. 307-321</p> <p>-Ayittey, George. “The myth of foreign aid.”</p> <p>-Shikwati, James. “Stop the Aid.”</p> <p>-Easterly, William. “The flaw in Bill Gates’ approach to ending global poverty.”</p>	
4/16	Finance & Development	<p>-Oatley pp. 321-332 &amp; pp. 334-357</p> <p>-Easterly, William. “Think Again: Debt Relief.”</p>	
4/21	Governments & Geography	<p>-Knutsen, Carl. “Democracy and economic growth: A survey of arguments and results.”</p> <p>-Blas, Javier, “Equatorial Guinea: Squandered Riches.” <i>Financial Times</i>.</p> <p>-Sachs, Jeffrey and Andrew Mellinger. 2001. “The Geography of Poverty and Wealth.”</p>	<p>-Rodrik, Dani, Arvind Subramanian, and Francesco Trebbi. 2004. “Institutions Rule: The Primacy of Institutions Over Geography and Integration in Economic Development.”</p> <p>-Easterly William and Ross Levine. 2003. “Tropics, germs, and crops: how endowments influence</p>

			economic development.” -Acemoglu, Daron & James A. Robinson. 2010. “Why is Africa Poor?” -Spolaore, Enrico and Romain Wacziarg. 2013. “How Deep are the Roots of Economic Development?”
4/23	Debates in Development	-Oatley Debates 3, 11, 12	
<b>6. Conclusions</b>			
4/28	Globalization: Challenges & Possibilities	-Oatley pp. 358-382	