

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINES		
TERM: FALL 2016	COURSE NO:	POLITICAL STUDIES 330
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE NAME: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF GLOBALIZATION	
OFFICE:	SECTION:	CREDITS: 3
OFFICE HOURS:		

COURSE FORMAT

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15 week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams

COURSE PREREQUISITES

45 credits of 100 level or higher coursework

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will examine the nature, composition and dynamics of global political economy. It will analyze the utility of main theoretical perspectives in the field, explore the key issues, and critically assess the role of main actors involved in managing the global political economy. It is divided into three main components. The first part will introduce the subject matter and explain how it evolved as a sub-field within the discipline of political science. It also will examine the nature and dynamics of various theoretical perspectives used in analyzing the sub-field. The second part will evaluate the issues that have brought the global community together in the twenty first century such as monetary, financial, trade, and development related issues. The final part will explore the role of various global actors such as the MNCs, IMF, the World Bank, and World Trade Organization in the management of global political economy.

Upon successful completion of this course students can

- Explain the theoretical perspectives used in explaining and analyzing the global political economy
- Describe the monetary, trade and developmental aspects of global political economy
- Analyse the role of main actors in the global political economy
- Analyse a number of themes that dominate the field of global political economy
- Compose ideas through oral and written formats
- Analyse course material to produce original work

REQUIRED TEXT

Cohn, Theodore H. *Global Political Economy*, Sixth Edition: 2012. Longman: New York

Other relevant course materials (i.e. journal articles) will be assigned to students. All these materials will be available on line. Students can access them either through our University Library web page or through Moodle

COURSE CONTENT

Week	Content
1	Introduction
2	Theoretical Perspectives I: Mainstream Theories
3	Theoretical Perspectives II: Critical Theories
4	Globalization
5	International Monetary Relations
6	Global Trade Relations
7	Regionalism and Global Trade
8	MNCs
9	Development
10	Foreign Debt and Financial Crisis
11	Foreign Aid
12	Trends in the Global Political Economy
13	Conclusion
14-15	Exam Period

EVALUATION PROFILE

Participation	10%
Online Discussion	10%
Group Discussion	20%
Argumentative Research Essay	30%
UN Simulation/Final Exam	<u>30%</u>
	100%

GRADING PROFILE:

A+ = 90 - 100%	B+ = 77 - 79%	C+ = 67 - 69%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 85 - 89	B = 73 - 76	C = 63 - 66	F = 0 - 49
A- = 80 - 84	B- = 70 - 72	C- = 60 - 62	

OPERATIONAL DETAILS

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes, and are responsible for any material covered during classes they have missed.

Participation: Students will actively participate in class and online discussion sessions. Their grade will be based on the quality and frequency of their participation in these discussion sessions.

- Online Discussion:** Students will participate in an online discussion set up by the instructor. They will respond to questions posted on line and share their ideas and observations with each other. Their grade will be based on their quality of ideas and opinions.
- Group Discussion:** Students will take part in weekly group discussions held in class during the term. Their grade will be based on the quality of report produced by their individual groups.
- Research Essay:** Each student will write a research paper on a topic related to the course content. Their grade will be based on the quality of paper that contains a succinct argument and strong analysis of explaining variables backed up academic references.
- Late Assignments:** Students are encouraged to submit their assignments on the required date. Late assignments will be penalized. If a student requires an extension, the matter should be discussed with the instructor.
- Exams:** Students will take a final exam during the exam period. The exam will cover all the contents covered during the term.
- Missed Exams:** Make-up tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crisis. Students should be prepared to provide proof of inability to write the test on the scheduled date (e.g. letter from doctor).
- Incomplete Grades:** Given at the discretion of the instructor(s). Generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises.
- English Usage:** University level writing skills are required in all assignments. Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors will result in a reduced grade and, if they are excessive, may result in a refusal to grade the assignment. See the English Writing Centre for help.
- Electronic Devices:** No personal electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, calculators, electronic dictionaries, etc.) may be used during an examination without prior approval from the instructor. During an exam, turn off all cell phones and pagers and remove them from the desk.
- Emergency Procedures:** Students need to read the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.