

Minnesota State University Moorhead

POL 361: International Political Economy

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course will examine the political, economic, and social processes governing international production, trade, and consumption. It includes an examination of the political economy of North-South relations.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 02/20/1999 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Concepts and perspectives of the international political economy; liberalism, mercantilism, neo-mercantilism, structuralism, dependency theory, interdependence.
2. Globalization and global governance---concept of globalization, world economy before the Great Wars and after, the UN Charter and the IMF, World Bank, GATT, economic integration
3. Human security
4. International trade and money management; the prelude to Bretton Woods, the Bretton Woods system, exchange rates and currency valuations, natural resources
5. International aid and development; food problems, energy issues, world population management and relief efforts.
6. The new agenda for global reforms; role of the United Nations and international agreements.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will understand the competing theoretical traditions in the study of IPE, be able to articulate the evolution of international economic institutions and evaluate contemporary issues and problems in global economic governance.
2. Students shall consider and evaluate the forces of economic multilateralism and economic regionalism as well as the relationship between military alliances and free trade
3. Students shall express considered opinions on the future of global economic management and whether reform is possible or even desirable from both normative and empirical perspectives.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted