



Study-Unit Description

CODE	PPL1939
TITLE	Introduction to Political Economy
LEVEL	01 - Year 1 in Modular Undergraduate Course
ECTS CREDITS	6
DEPARTMENT	Public Policy
DESCRIPTION	This study-unit is based on the assumption that in order to understand patterns of interaction and change in society, we need to look at both politics and economics in an integrated manner.

Study-Unit Aims:

Students will look at economic issues of trade, finance, production and development, but not just from the perspective of economic theory. Students will also engage with the political concepts, ideas and literatures on the economic relations within and among states, as well as between states and non-state actors.

The focus is on the political problems that arise as a consequence of the increasing density of economic relations in political life. Knowledge of economics is an advantage but not a necessity for this study-unit.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Knowledge & Understanding:

By the end of the study-unit the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the processes of politics and economics;
- Understand, interpret, and critically evaluate empirical evidence on economic, political, and public policy questions;
- Demonstrate an appreciation of the history of thought in political economy;
- Explain the different roles of states, international organisations and non-state actors in the politics of economic relations at the national and international level.

2. Skills:

By the end of the study-unit the student will be able to:

- Critically evaluate different theoretical approaches to political economy;
- Identify and comment on economic challenges facing states in their domestic and foreign policies;
- Write briefs for decision-makers on the economic and fiscal implications of relevant policy initiatives.

Main Text/s and any supplementary readings:Main Texts:

- Ravenhill, J. (2017), Global political economy, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Supplementary Readings:

- Journal of Political Economy, 1892-2015, vol 1-123.

- Contributions to Political Economy (2011) Vol. 30, Issue 1, pp. 1-11. Available from <https://doi.org/10.1093/cpe/bzr001> Accessed 6 March 2020.

- O'brien, R. and Williams, M. (2016), Global Political Economy: Evolution and Dynamics, Red Globe Press; 5th ed. 2016 edition.

STUDY-UNIT TYPE

Lecture

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT**Assessment Component/s**

Assignment
Examination (2 Hours)

Assessment Due

SEM1
SEM1

Sept. Asst Session

Yes
Yes

Weighting

40%
60%

LECTURER/S

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