

PS F100X FQ1
Political Economy
Department of Political Science
University of Alaska Fairbanks
WINTERmester 2020, January
2nd-11th
SYLLABUS

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WINTERmester 2020
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Course Introduction:

This course introduces students to concepts and theories related to the political science sub-discipline of political economy. Political economy is the study of the inter-relationship between the economy and politics, as distinct but interrelated fields. This course is divided into five overlapping sections. The first section defines and introduces the capitalism as a political-economic system. The second section introduces students to classic debates in the field of political economy by examining the writings of Adam Smith, Karl Marx and Karl Polanyi. The third section focuses on the development of the American economic system. The fourth part of the class examines debates surrounding globalization and the impact of increased economic integration. The final section of the class is topical, and uses insights drawn the previous sections to explain and understand the implications of the rise of Donald Trump in the 2016 American presidential elections.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon the completion of this class, students will have:

- Defined key concepts in political economy, such as capitalism, states, markets, and private property rights;
- Gained understanding of different academic approaches to conceptualizing and explaining the relationship between the state and the market;
- Become familiar with how the relationship between the state and the market in the United States has changed over time;
- Developed their research, writing and critical thinking skills.

Required Materials:

1. Marc Allen Eisner. 2013. *The American Political Economy: Institutional Evolution of the Market and State*. New York: Routledge. (E)
2. Ha-Joon Chang. 2010. *23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism*. London: Penguin Books. (C)
3. Johns Sides and Henry Farrell (eds.). 2016. *The Science of Trump: Explaining the Rise of an Unlikely Candidate*. Monkey Cage, Washington Post (available electronically only,

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01IL9DTG8?ie=UTF8&tag=thewaspos09-20&camp=1789&linkCode=xm2&creativeASIN=B01IL9DTG8#nav-subnav>) (SF)

***** Other materials will be made available through Blackboard*****

Evaluation:

Evaluation Format	% of Total Grade	Due Date
Participation	25%	NA
Mid-Term Exams*5	5*15%= 75%	January 3 rd , 6 th , 8 th , 10 th +11 th

Participation (25%): Students are expected to participate extensively during each class throughout the semester. This means that students are expected to complete ALL of the readings assigned each week, and be prepared to critically discuss them during class time. Due to the condensed nature of any MAYmester course, students are required to be in class and should not miss more than **ONE** class during the course of the semester. Students are responsible for those classes they miss.

*Mid-Term (5*15%=75%) Exams:* There will be **FIVE** mid-term exams in this class (to be held **January 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th and 11th**). Exams will not be cumulative.

Student Support:

Students with disabilities: Students with disabilities should register with UAF Disabilities Services and follow its procedures for obtaining assistance. If you qualify for modifications or assistance related to disabilities, UAF Disabilities Services will inform me of your needs. I will work with you to accommodate your needs appropriately and fairly.

<i>The Writing Centre</i> 801 Gruening Building (907) 474-5314 fywrc@uaf.edu http://www.uaf.edu/english/writing-center/	<i>The Speaking Center</i> 507 Gruening Building (907) 474-5470 fyspeak@gmail.com http://www.uaf.edu/speak/
<i>Student Support Services</i> 512 Gruening Building (907) 474-6844 trio.sss@alaska.edu http://www.uaf.edu/sss/	<i>The Office of Disability Services</i> 208 Whitaker Building (907) 474-5655 uaf-disabilityservices@alaska.edu http://www.uaf.edu/disability/
<i>Student Health and Counseling Center</i> 210 Whitaker Building (907) 474-7043 uaf-sh-cc@alaska.edu http://www.uaf.edu/chc/	

Class Rules:

Changes to the syllabus: In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University's control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change. Changes to the syllabus may be made to address practical contingencies (e.g., weather related university closures, unexpected availability of relevant guest speaker), pedagogical concerns (e.g., new assignments), or other similar issues. Students are responsible for announcements posted to Blackboard.

Medical Leave: Students who miss exams during the course of the semester **MUST** provide medical documentation. Only excuses accompanied by medical documentation will be accepted.

Grades:

A+ 98-100	B+ 88-89	C+ 78-79	D 60-69
A 93-97	B 83-87	C 73-77	F ≤ 59
A- 90-92	B-80-82	C- 70-72	

Academic honesty: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to plagiarism, cheating on quizzes or exams, falsifying identity or academic records, and being an accessory to acts of academic dishonesty. Ignorance about what counts as plagiarism or academic dishonesty is not an acceptable excuse. Spot checks of written work will be conducted and other forms of suspected plagiarism or academic dishonesty will be investigated. Any infractions will be reported and penalized in accordance with departmental and university-wide procedures

University of Alaska-Fairbanks Statement on Academic Honesty:

Honesty is a primary responsibility of yours and every other UAF student. The following are common guidelines regarding academic integrity:

1. Students will not collaborate on any quizzes, in-class exams or take-home exams that contribute to their grade in a course unless the course instructor grants permission. Only those materials permitted by the instructor may be used to assist in quizzes and examinations.
2. Students will not represent the work of others as their own. Students will attribute the source of information not original with themselves (direct quotes or paraphrases) in compositions, theses and other reports.
3. No work submitted for one course may be submitted for credit in another course without the explicit approval of both instructors.

Alleged violations of the Code of Conduct will be reviewed in accordance with procedures specified in regents policy, university regulations and UAF rules and procedures. For additional information and details about the Student Code of Conduct, see:

http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/current/academics/regs3.html#Student_Conduct

Course Outline:

Part 1: January 2nd-4th

*** Jan. 4th: Mid-Term Exam #1***

Capitalism: A Primer

Larry Neal. 2014. "Introduction" in (eds.) Larry Neal and Jeffrey G. Williamson *The Cambridge History of Capitalism* Volume 1: From Ancient Origins to 1948. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 1-7.

E, Ch. 1

C, Things 1, 12, 19, 21

Part 2: January 4th-6th

*** January 6th: Mid-Term Exam #2***

Classic Perspectives on Political Economy: Smith, Marx and Polanyi

Adam Smith. 1976 [1776]. *An Inquiry Into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations* (Volume 1), (eds.) R.H. Campbell, A.S. Skinner and W.B. Todd. Oxford: Clarendon Press. Book 1, Ch. 1-2.

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. 1955 [1848]. "Manifesto of the Communist Party" in (ed.) Samuel H. Beer, *Marx and Engels: The Communist Manifesto*. New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts. 8-22

Karl Polanyi. 2001 [1944]. *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time*. Boston: Beacon Press. Ch. 4-5.

Ben Clift. 2014. *Comparative Political Economy: States, Markets and Global Capitalism*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. 45-56, 64-73.

C, Things 2, 5, 16

Part 3: January 6th + 8th

*** January 8th: Mid-Term Exam #3***

Evolution of the American Political Economy

E, Ch. 3-7, 10

C, Things 10, 14, 18

Part 4: January 8th-10th

*** January 10th: Mid-Term Exam #4***

States versus Markets: Globalization and the Shifting Loci of Authority

Gary Teeple. 2000. "What is Globalization?" in (eds.) Stephen McBride and John Wiseman, *Globalisation and its Discontents*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 9-23.

Susan Strange. 1996. *The Retreat of the State: the Diffusion of Power in the World Economy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 3-15.

Ben Clift. 2014. *Comparative Political Economy: States, Markets and Global Capitalism*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. 270-274.

E, Ch. 9

C, Things 7, 8, 22

Part 5: January 10th-11th

*** January 11th: Mid-Term Exam #5 ***

The Political Economy of Trump: Implications? Explanations?

SF, Ch. 1-5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 19, 21, 23-26, 30, 33

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