



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2005/2006

GRA 5914 Global Politics: International Political Economy and World Trade

Program

Master of Business and Economics Program, Master of Science in Business, Master of Science in Management, Specialization Course

Responsible for the course

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Department

Public Governance

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

This is the School's introductory international politics MSc course. It requires no previous knowledge. It has been designed for the MSc in Political Economy, but may be taken as one of four courses in the Minor on the European Union (MSc Business). The focus is on global politics – the big questions of international relations, security, democracy, economic growth and free trade – that all come together in the globalisation debates, and on the EU's external relations and role in global politics.

The central themes are globalisation, world trade and the EU's international role.

Objective

The course addresses international developments since the end of the Cold War – more specifically trends and patterns related to democratisation, economic growth and trade as well as stability or change in international relations. It covers theories of international relations, and address the 'great questions' of international political economy, including the 'end of history' thesis and democratisation, the relationship between democracy and economic growth, developments in world trade and efforts to build sustainable international institution to regulate this, and questions of international security and intervention in world politics. The course specifically addresses the EU's external relations, including some focus on Norway's relationship with the EU and international free trade regimes. It is designed to provide students with tools and frameworks for analysing current debates and controversies related to the widening of the EU and the EU's relationship with Norway and the rest of the world through organisation such as the WTO, as well as the current debates on the design and operation of international organisations such as the institutions that have been established to liberalise (GATT) and manage (WTO) world trade or issues such as climate change (Kyoto). Institutional design of other international organisations related to democracy, security and human rights are also addressed.

Prerequisites

Bachelor's degree in Business , Marketing or eq.

Compulsory literature

Books:

Baylis, John and Steve Smith, eds.. 2001. The Globalization of World Politics: An introduction to international relations. 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Gilpin, Robert.. 2000. Global political economy: Understanding the international economic order.. Princeton: Princeton University Press

Other:

Compendium of Journal Articles, including articles/chapters by H. Bull, A. Giddens, A. Przeworski, N. Woods, J. E. Stiglitz, D. Held, B. R. Weingast, S. P. Huntington, Z. K. Brzezinski, H. A. Kissinger, F. Fukuyama, H. Wallace, U. Sedelmeier, F. Schimmelfennig, F. Snyder, M. Moore, S. S. Andersen, H. P. Graver etc.

Recommended literature

Books:

Balaam, David N. and Michael Veseth.. 2005. Introduction to International Political Economy.. 3rd ed. Upper Saddle River: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Allen D. G. Edwards.. Forthcoming. External Economic Relations of the European Union.. London: Macmillan Palgrave.

Dillon, Sara.. 2002. International Trade and Economic Law and the European Union.. Oxford: Hart.

Economides, Spyros and Peter Wilson.. 2001. The Economic Factor in International Relations: A brief introduction.. London: I. B. Tauris.

Emerson, Michael, Marius Vahl and Stephen Woolcock.. 2002. Navigating by the Stars: Norway, the European Economic Area and the European Union. Brussels: Centre for European Policy Studies.

Landes, David S.. 1998. The Wealth and Poverty of Nations: Why some are so Rich and some so poor. London: Little, Brown and Company

Stubbs Richard and Geoffrey R. D. Undershill. 2000. Political Economy and Changing Global Order.. Don Mills, Ont.: Macmillan.

Young, John W. and John Kent.. 2004. International Relations since 1945: A Global History.. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Other:

Individual journal articles and book chapters available in the library and/or electronically will be recommended as further reading.

Course outline

1. Stability and change in international relations since the end of the Cold War; Globalisation and new patterns of international politics.
2. Democratisation and economic growth; the debates on relationships between democracy and prosperity; globalisation/anti-globalisation.
3. International trade from GATT to WTO, free trade and development; international regimes and regulation (e.g. climate change).
4. The EU's relationship with other international organisations, its role in global politics, with particular focus on free trade regimes (the WTO) and the relationship with the USA.
5. Norway's changing links with the EU, and her participation in international institutions.

Computer-based tools

None

Course structure

36 hours.

Evaluation

40% in class assessment, 60% final written exam

Evaluation code(s)

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Aids at the examination

Bilingual dictionary

Makeup exam

Re-takes are only possible at the next time a course will be held. When course evaluation

consists of class participation or process elements, the whole course must be re-evaluated when a student wants to retake an exam. Retake examinations entail an extra examination fee.