



## ECON 340: Global Political Economy

### General Information:

**Term: 2021 Summer Session**

**Instructor: Staff**

**Language of Instruction: English**

**Classroom: TBA**

**Office Hours: TBA**

**Class Sessions Per Week: 5**

**Total Weeks: 5**

**Total Class Sessions: 25**

**Class Session Length (minutes): 145**

**Credit Hours: 4**

### Course Description:

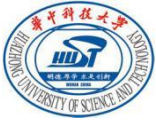
Global Political Economy (GPE) or International Political Economy (IPE) is an interdisciplinary academic field within economics and international relations which draws inputs from political science, history and cultural studies. This course is on the study of the theories and concepts of Global Political Economy. We will discuss a variety of topics such as international finance, international trade, production and development, financial crises, global markets and globalization. Despite that economic issues will be examined, the emphasis, however, will be placed on the political problems that arise as a result of the international economic integration between states and institutions.

Prerequisite: ECON 201 Intermediate Microeconomics; ECON 202 Intermediate Microeconomics

### Learning objectives:

Upon completing the course successfully, students should be able to

- a. Understand different perspectives on Global Political Economy



- b. Understand the roles markets and states play in the globalized world
- c. Develop an understanding of global economy and the challenges facing states and civil society
- d. Critically evaluate the consequences of globalization

### Course Materials:

<b>Textbook</b>	<i>Introduction to International Political Economy</i> , 6th Edition Authors: David N. Balaam, Bradford Dillman Publisher: Pearson ISBN-10: 0-13-340239-8 ISBN-13: 978-0-13-340239-1
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### Course Assignments:

#### Quizzes:

There will be five quizzes administered throughout the session, which count for 15% of the final grade. They will test your understanding and application of the theories and concepts covered in class. There will be no make-up quizzes.

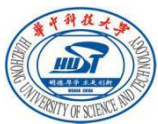
#### Research paper:

For completion of this course, you are required to write a research paper on a topic related to the most commonly discussed issues in Global Political Economy.

You may choose one from the following topics:

- a. Financial market diversity
- b. Inequality in a specific area
- c. Global warming effects on the economy

To write a good research paper, a number of competencies are required. We aim to help you develop those in this process. From conducting research on background information, organizing your thoughts and ideas, to creating an outline and writing in a clear and concise manner, to finally proofreading and editing, every step matters. Staying objective is



critical to the effectiveness of your paper. Therefore, despite your position and argument, try to write as objectively as possible.

Detailed information on this task will be given at the end of Week 1.

### **Exams:**

There will be one midterm exam and one final exam, which are scheduled to take place at the end of Week 2 and Week 4 respectively. Types of questions may include multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, essay questions and etc. Both the midterm and the final are cumulative exams. However, for the final exam, the emphasis will be on the material covered after the midterm.

### **Course Assessment:**

Quizzes	15%
Midterm exam	25%
Research paper	25%
Final exam	35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **Grading Scale (percentage):**

A+: 98%-100%

A: 93%-97%

A-: 90%-92%

B+: 88%-89%

B: 83%-87%

B-: 80%-82%

C+: 78%-79%

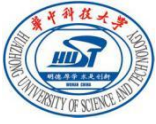
C: 73%-77%

C-: 70%-72%

D+: 68%-69%

D: 63%-67%

D-: 60%-62%



F: Below 60%

**Course Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Activities</b>
1	Go Through Syllabus + Course Overview Introduction to Global Political Economy What Is Global Political Economy? History of Global Political Economy Processes of Global Integration Interaction between Political and Economic Forces	Quiz 1 Research paper
2	Perspectives on Global Political Economy Liberalism Realism Mercantilism Economic Nationalism Protectionism	Quiz 2
3	Neomercantilism Marxism Structuralism International Trade Policy Global Monetary and Finance Structure	Quiz 3 Midterm exam
	Global Financial Markets	Quiz 4



4	Multinational Corporations Financial Crises International Production and Development	
5	Developed and Underdeveloped Countries Poverty and Inequality Gap between the North and the South Globalization Course Summary	Quiz 5 Research paper Due Final exam

### **Academic Integrity:**

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently.

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Huazhong University of Science & Technology's *Academic Conduct Code*. Any work suspected of violating the standards of the *Academic Conduct Code* will be reported to the Dean's Office. Penalties for violating the *Academic Conduct Code* may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the *Academic Conduct Code*.

### **Special Needs or Assistance:**

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.