

COURSE OUTLINE		
TERM: Fall 2025	COURSE NO: POL 330	
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE TITLE: Global Political Economy in Times of Disruption	
OFFICE: LOCAL: E-MAIL: @capilanou.ca	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3.0
OFFICE HOURS:		
COURSE WEBSITE:		

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COURSE FORMAT

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

45 credits of 100-level or higher course work

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

The global economy is in crisis. The once triumphant but often criticized project of globalization is under extreme stress. Threats include the emergence of new geopolitical rivalries, the surge of authoritarian nationalisms, the fragmentation of global trade, the devastating effects of global financial crises, and the intensification of global inequalities. This course examines the basic architecture of the global economic system as well as the ways in which political power structures and interacts with the system. It also examines how the global economic system and who wields power within it is in a state of flux. Students are not expected to have a background in economics.

COURSE NOTE

POL 330 is an approved Self and Society course for Cap Core requirements.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES

O'Brien, Robert and Mark Williams. *Global Political Economy: Evolution and Dynamics*. 7th Edition. Bloomsbury, 2025.

Milanovic, Branko. *The World Under Capitalism: Observations on Economics, Politics, History and Culture*. Polity, 2025.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the key issues, controversies, and contemporary debates in the study of global political economy;
- Discuss the monetary, trade, and developmental aspects of global political economy;
- Describe and critically analyze the roles of major actors and institutions within the global political economy;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of global trading regime, as well as its vulnerabilities;
- Think critically and with nuance about the state of global capitalism;

Students who complete this Self and Society course will be able to do the following:

- Identify potential root causes of local/global problems and how they affect local/global cultures, economies, politics, and policies.
- Assess and evaluate individual and collective responsibilities within a diverse and interconnected global society.
- Explain how contexts (e.g. cultural, historical, colonial, economic, technological) shape identity formation and social structures.
- Synthesize a range of differing community perspectives on ethics and justice and explain how these perspectives can inform structural change.

COURSE CONTENT

*The course content will be determined by the instructor and may include but is not limited to the following topics:

Week 1 – Introduction: Global Political Economy in Crisis

Week 2 – The Rise of the Global Economic System

Week 3 – Theoretical Perspectives

Week 4 – The Global Monetary System

Week 5 – Global Trade Policy

Week 6 – Trade Agreements and Trade Wars

Week 7 – Foreign Debt

Week 8 – The Global Politics of Economic Development

Week 9 – Foreign Aid

Week 10 – Politics of the Global Financial System

Week 11 – Financial Crises

Week 12 – Global Capitalism in Crisis

Week 13 – Putting it all Together

Week 14/15 – Final Exam Period

EVALUATION PROFILE

The evaluation profile will be determined by the instructor and may include but are not limited to the following items:

Participation	10%
Quizzes	15%

Term Paper	25%
Presentations	20%
Final Exam	<u>30%</u>
	100%

Participation

Participation grades are distributed on the basis of each student's ability to demonstrate through class discussions and activities a sustained and reflective engagement with course readings. In other words, it is not enough to simply show up for class. Coming to class without doing the readings will not result in a good participation grade. Students are expected to have completed all readings and engage with them thoughtfully.

GRADING PROFILE

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

Incomplete Grades

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

Late Assignments

Assignments are due on the due date listed. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, please consult with your instructor beforehand.

Missed Exams/Quizzes, etc.

Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed activities may not be able to be accommodated. Please consult with your instructor.

*** Accommodations can be made to honour community needs and traditional practices.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities.

English Usage

Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

Electronic Devices

Students may use electronic devices during class for note taking only.

On-line Communication

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or eLearn; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS**Tools for Success**

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-services/>

Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)

Policy Statement (S2009-06)

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Academic Integrity (S2017-05)

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information:

<https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

Academic dishonesty is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

Cheating: Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Fraud: Creation or use of falsified documents.

Misuse or misrepresentation of sources: Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

Plagiarism: Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

Self-Plagiarism: Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

Prohibited Conduct: The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Procedure (found on Policy page <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>)

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.