

POU33193 — Politics and Markets

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Module Information	
Module Code	POU33193
Module Title	Politics and Markets
Department	Political Science
Year Group	Junior Sophister
Module Personnel	Jiwon Baik
Academic Year	2026–27
Credit Weighting	5 credits
Semester	Semester 1
Contact Hours	2 lectures per week (100 minutes) and 1 tutorial.

Module Content	
Module Description	This course explores the relationship between political power and economic exchange in contemporary market economies. The course has two main themes: the functional relationships between different forms of economic and political organization, and the political and economic constraints that underlie the broadest contours of economic policymaking in capitalist economies. Within these themes, the course's substantive topics will include agriculture, property rights, economic reform, development, industrial policy, globalization, migration, and crises. The course is explicitly comparative, and will draw on the histories and national experiences of countries around the world.
Learning Outcomes	• Understand the different logics of political and economic organization in capitalist economies. • Be able to think theoretically about the feasibility and desirability of different responses to the policy challenges in contemporary capitalism

Module Content

- Derive comparative insights on the political economy of both advanced capitalist economies and developing economies.

Assessment

Assessment Components

Participation 20%; Midterm essay 30%; Final essay/exam 50%

Additional Information

Prerequisites

None

Co-requisites

None