

POU44634— International Political Economy

Module Information	
Module Code	POU44634
Module Title	<i>International Political Economy</i>
Department	<i>Political Science</i>
Year Group	<i>Senior Sophister</i>
Module Personnel	<i>Sharyn O'Halloran</i>
Academic Year	<i>2026–27</i>
Credit Weighting	<i>10 credits</i>
Semester	<i>Semester 2</i>
Contact Hours	<i>2 hours per week</i>

Module Content	
Module Description	Description This module analyzes key concepts, theories, and applications of international political economy in relation to contemporary issues, including trade, financial regulation, climate change, and global governance. Students will acquire analytical tools to examine and critically evaluate global economic issues.
Module Learning Aims	The course will cover five broad topics: 1. International Political Economy— • Introduction • Toolkit 2. Globalization and Its Limits— • International Economic Cooperation and the Rise and Fall of Multilateralism 3. International Trade and Competition Policy— • International Trade Theory • The political economy of international trade 4. International Monetary and Finance Policy— • Monetary regimes and exchange rate structures, • The causes and consequences of financial crises • The political economy of international financial regulation

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	5. Globalization and Externalities— • International environmental regulations • International political economy of growth, development, and inequality
Learning Outcomes	This module will cover the central themes and theories of international political economy. Students will engage with critical new topics of international relations, political economy, and public policy that are especially relevant to understanding the global economic system of the 21st century. Students will gain insights into international trade, financial markets, global governance, and international cooperation on environmental policy.
Indicative Reading / Resources	• Frieden, J. A., Lake, D. A., & Schultz, K. A. (2019). <i>World politics: interests, interactions, institutions</i>. New York: WW Norton. 6th Ed. Abbrev: (FLS) • Oatley, Thomas H. (2018). <i>International Political Economy</i>. Boston: Pearson- Longman. 6th Edition. Abbrev: (Oatley) • <i>David Baron, Business and Its Environments</i> • <i>Economy, Society & Public Policy (ESPP)</i>

Assessment		
Assessment Components	Assignments	30%
	Final Project:	60%
	Participation:	10%

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	<i>None</i>
Co-requisites	<i>None</i>