

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2013-05-20 and was last revised on 2016-02-02. The revised syllabus applies from 2016-02-02, autumn semester 2015.

General Information

This course in Political Science is offered to students in Lund University's Bachelor Programme in Development Studies (BIDS).

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Political Science

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall demonstrate the ability to:

Knowledge and understanding

- identify, understand and appraise critical theories and approaches in international political economy
- identify, understand and appraise actors, institutions, issues and debates central to international political economy and development

Competence and skills

- present theoretically informed analyses of issues in international political economy and development in oral as well as written form
- contribute to a common learning environment and to group dynamic aspects of learning.

Course content

This course introduces International Political Economy (IPE) with an emphasis on theories, theorists and issues that problematise the politics and political economy of development, North-South relations and ethics. The first part of the course is designed to examine the roots of International Political Economy and a range of critical theories and approaches that inform the study of processes of socio-economic transformation in the global South. The second substantive part of the course explores issues at the forefront of contemporary debates at the intersection of IPE and development. These include finance, financialisation and crises, trade and fair trade, multinational corporations and corporate social responsibility, the global division of labour and trade unions, global economic governance and the greening of the global political economy.

Course design

Teaching includes lectures and seminars. The course is assessed through written assignments, final essay and active participation in class and seminars. Attendance to the seminars is compulsory and absences need to be notified to the course convenor as soon as possible. Written assignments count 50% towards the final grade, while the final essay makes up the remaining 50%. In order to pass the course, all the assessments need to be successfully completed.

Assessment

Re-examination is offered after the end of the course. If necessary, a second re-examination is arranged at a later date.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grades awarded are A, B, C, D, E or Fail. The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student must have shown unacceptable results. At the start of the course students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus, and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

Entry requirements

To be eligible to the course the student must be enrolled in the Bachelor of Science Programme in Development Studies at Lund University (BIDS), and have fulfilled course requirement of at least 45 credits of first year courses of the programme.

Subcourses in STVC05, Political Science: International Political Economy
and Development

Applies from H13

1301 Course Papers and Seminars, 15,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A