

## **COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT**

**NOTE:** ANY CHANGES TO A CSD MUST GO THROUGH ALL OF THE RELEVANT APPROVAL PROCESSES, INCLUDING LTTPC.

**Academic School/Department:** Communications, Arts and Social Sciences

**Programme:** International Relations

**FHEQ Level:** 6

**Course Title:** International Political Economy

**Course Code:** INR 6205

**Course Leader:** Dr Michael F. Keating

**Student Engagement Hours:** **120**

Lectures: 22.5

Seminar / Tutorials: 22.5

Independent / Guided Learning : 75

**Semester:** FALL and/or SPRING and/or SUMMER

**Credits:** 12 UK CATS credits  
6 ECTS credits  
3 US credits

### **Course Description:**

Examines the revival of IPE since the 1970s through studying the contribution of key scholars to the discipline, then engages in a study of core problems of the contemporary international political economy. This course assumes that the separation of politics and economics is artificial and works toward a synthesis of the two to understand the globalizing world, and engages in a study of the state-of-the-art of the discipline.

**Pre-requisites:** INR 5200 or PLT 5200 or DEV 5100 or ECN 5105

### **Aims and Objectives:**

- To cultivate an understanding of some of the central debates, themes and contestations within the general framework of IPE.
- To develop a clear sense of IPE as an evolving discipline that continues to draw upon a range of conceptual and theoretical advances in its analyses of the contemporary world.
- To provide students with a background on the re-emergence of IPE in the 1970s, along with some of the key scholars in this intellectual moment.
- To address key contemporary issues in IPE
- To promote critical thinking about a wide and intellectually demanding range of literature
- To develop the ability to articulate thought about IPE clearly and concisely in both the written and spoken form.

### **Programme Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, the students will have achieved the following programme outcomes.

6A(i); 6A(ii); 6A(iii); 6A(iv); 6B(i); 6B(ii); 6B(iv); 6C(i); 6C(iii); 6C(iv); 6D(ii); 6D(iv)

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification. This is located at the Departmental/Schools page of the portal.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, the students will have achieved the following learning outcomes.

- Demonstrates a systematic understanding of the major thinkers and intellectual paradigms in international political economy
- Demonstrates the ability to develop critical responses to, and a systematic and historical understanding of, theoretical approaches taken in international political economy
- Demonstrates a systematic understanding of concepts of power and influence in the international political economy
- Demonstrates a systematic understanding of key texts and debates in international political economy, and the reflexive relationship between these and empirical studies of the international political economy
- Demonstrates a systematic understanding of the formal and informal institutions that exercise power and influence at the global level
- Demonstrates a systematic insight into, and an understanding of the significance of, the economic dimensions of international relations
- Demonstrates a systematic understanding of major thematic debates in international political economy
- Takes responsibility for their own learning, and completes assigned work with a degree of clarity, contextualisation, critical thinking, and reflexive normative understanding appropriate for a 6000-level course

### **Indicative Content:**

- Key contemporary IPE scholarship (ie. Cox, Strange, Gilpin, Keohane, Krasner, Katzenstein, Kindleberger, Ruggie)
- Historical overview of IPE as a discipline and its main paradigms, particular since the revival of the 1970s
- Globalization and international political economy (ie the global division of labour, international trade, global production, international finance)
- Global economic crises
- Varieties of capitalism
- Themes and issues in contemporary international political economy (ie globalization and the state, development, energy, environment, gender, security, governance, regionalism, inequality, imperialism)

### **Assessment:**

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved at Academic Council on June 28, 2012.

### **Teaching Methodology:**

