



# POL 50 Political Economy

What is capitalism? How did it become a global economic system?

How does politics impact the economy? How does the economy impact politics?

How is government important for economic development?

Is capitalism consistent with democracy or are they in tension with each other?

Explore answers to these questions. Register for POL 50!

This course is an introduction to political economy: the relationship between capitalism and government. This course explores the political theory of capitalism, including the relationship between capitalism and freedom, equality, and democracy; the interrelationship between the state and capitalism, including, how political actors and institutions effect economic outcomes and how economic actors and conditions influence political outcomes; the role of the state in the development of American political economy; and the role of states in the development and expansion of global capitalism.

**This course is open to students in any major. This course fulfills Pathways Flexible Core D - Individual and Society. This course fulfills POL requirement for POL option students.**

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