Course Description:
This course examines how domestic and international politics influence the economic relations between states. It will address the major theoretical debates in the field and introduce the chief methodological approaches used in contemporary analyses. We will focus attention on four types of cross-border flows and the policies and international institutions that regulate them: the flow of goods (trade policy), the flow of capital (financial and exchange rate policy), the flow and location of production (foreign investment policy), and the flow of people (immigration policy).

Requirements:
- All students are required to attend class regularly and to participate in classroom lectures and discussions.
- Students are also required to choose three weeks to write short critical reviews. The reviews, limited to five pages, summarize the theoretical and/or empirical results of two or three articles on a specific topic (articles should be from either the required or further reading list on the syllabus for a given topic), highlight the contribution, critically evaluate the work (e.g. highlight strengths and weaknesses of the theory or research design), and suggest research that would extend, further evaluate, and/or correct the summarized work. The reviews are to be sent by email to the instructor by 5pm the day preceding the class meeting on which the topic will be discussed. At the discretion of the instructor, the student may be asked to discuss some of his/her arguments in class.
- In week 2, students are to write a mock reviewer report for the Pevehouse and Vabulas piece. I will give you examples of reviewer reports I have gotten and you will write a mock reviewer piece. Felicity Vabulas will skype in for part of the class and we will discuss their article with her.
- In addition to regular participation, the topic reviews, and review, each student must select one of two options for fulfilling the remaining course requirements:
  - Option 1 (highly recommended): Take home final exam. The take home final will be in the format of the IR Field Exam, but shorter and only focused on IPE.
  - Option 2: Students selecting this option should write one 20-35 page
paper that presents original research. The paper should be completed by the end of the exam period in May. It is highly recommended that students meet with the instructor to discuss their topic by mid-October and submit a two to three-page outline by early November. One particularly effective strategy for this paper is a replication and extension of previously published research. This option is much more time consuming and difficult than Option 1 and is offered only for students who want or need to write research paper to fulfill requirements in their program (mostly PhD political science students). Unless you need to fulfill such a requirement, the exam is highly recommended.

The requirements for the course will have the following weights;
   Participation: 20%
   Critical Reviews: 30%
   Mock Reviewer Report: 10%
   Final Exam/ Paper: 40%

Readings and Schedule:
Suggested Background Materials (For those with limited familiarity with IPE)
   • Jeffry A. Frieden, Global Capitalism

1. Introduction – January 12

Required:

2. Interest Group Models – January 16
Required:
Press: Princeton, NJ. Chapters 1 and 2


Selected Further Readings:


3. **Firm-Based Models/ Melitz Model of Trade – January 26**

**Required:**

**Selected Further Readings:**

4. **Institutions 1: Democracy & Autocracy – February 2**

**Required:**


• Li, Quan, & Adam Resnick. 2003. “Reversal of Fortunes: Democratic Institutions and Foreign Direct Investment Inflows to Developing Countries.” International Organization 57(1): 175–211.


Selected Further Readings:


5. *Institutions 2: Other institutions – February 9*

Required:


Selected Further Readings:


6. Ideas – February 16

Required:

Selected Further Readings:

7. International Constraints/ Power – February 23
Required:


Selected Further Readings:

8. Individual Preferences – March 2

Required:

Selected Further Reading:
• Peters, Margaret E., and Alexander M. Takh. 2011. “Are policy makers out of touch with their constituencies when it comes to immigration?” Madison, WI.

9. International Organizations and IPE – March 23

Required:

Suggested Further Readings:


10. Reputation/ Credible Commitments – March 30

Required:


Selected Further Readings:


11. Effectiveness of Treaties/ International Organizations – April 6
Required:

• Gray, Julia. Governance Against the Odds: States, Bureaucracies, and Vitality in International Economic Organizations Chapter 5.
Suggested Further Readings:


12. Overlap between areas of IPE – April 13

Required:

Selected Further Readings:


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13. IPE and War/Aid – April 20
Required:

**War**

**Aid**