DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

SYLLABUS

SEMINAR IN POLITICAL ECONOMY: 244:01
Fall Semester 2002

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Class Meets: Wednesday: 5:10-7:00 P.M.
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Office Hours: TTH: 9:00a.m.-12:00 Noon and by appointment Only

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a seminar course therefore, the course is design for an in-depth examination of advanced topics including crisis theories, theories of capitalist development, Trade theory, Managing the global economy since the Second World War, industrial restructuring. The role of state in the international political economy, monopoly capitalism, the role of research and development in technological, and scientific evolution and the global economy. The debt crisis and structural adjustment.

REQUIRED TEXTS:


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Each member of the class is expected to satisfy the following requirements: This is a seminar course therefore this requires all students in the class to be prepared to fully participate in class discussions on a weekly basis. It also calls for intensive preparation and independence reading and students to do all their assigned readings before coming to class. Graduate students are expected to be familiar with the appropriate readings for this course. Students are also expected to read and follow the professional journals and periodical literature on political Economy, Economic Development and international relations. All these journals and periodicals are available at the HOWARD UNIVERSITY Library, Library of Congress, and the University libraries in the Washington area.

**VERY IMPORTANT STUDENT INFORMATION**

(A) Students are expected to attend all classes regularly and punctually and keep up with all the readings for the course. The instructor should not be expected to supply notes or information missed as a result of non-attendance, except for valid proof of illness (with a physician’s statement or other mitigating circumstance). Students are encouraged to become acquainted with fellow students who might be of assistance in some cases. Each student is further responsible for all announcements made in class, whether present or not.
(B) **Plagiarism:** All papers are read by the instructor and sources checked. Students are strongly advised not to plagiarize—to fail to accurately credit or identify the source of the research materials utilized in the construction of assigned papers, or to use verbatim text of another author’s work without proper citation in the form of footnotes or endnotes. **The penalty** for plagiarism will be an automatic “F” grade for the paper. Students are encouraged to clarify any misunderstanding they might have with regard to this practice or penalty with the instructor. All students should consult: *The Code of Conduct, The Howard University Bulletin, Item “M”.*

**RESEARCH/TERM PAPER**

Students are required to choose a Third World/Developing country or a topic on political economy for special study. Student research paper will be based on the country/ or a topic on political economy selected. A well researched paper of at least **15 pages** and at most **25 pages** on the selected country. Topic should be chosen in consultation with the instructor.

Papers should be written according to any standard academic guide, such as, Kate L. Turabian, *The Chicago Manual of style, latest edition* (The University of Chicago, ILL.: Press, 1998). Papers must be typed double-spaced. Research paper should be well documented with the footnotes or endnotes. The term paper is due on **Wednesday by 5:10 p.m. December 4, 2002. Late paper shall not be accepted.**

**GRADING SYSTEM**

1. Class attendance and participation-----------------------------------------------15%
2. Class oral presentation of the term paper, November 27, 2002-------------------20%
3. Term paper, due on December 4, 2002-----------------------------------------------30%
4. Final Examination, Wednesday December 4, 5:10-7:00 p.m.---------------------35%

**COURSE OUTLINE**

1. **Introduction**

   **Readings**

   Origins and Evolution of Political Economy


   3.
II. Theories of Political Economy

Readings


III. Wealth and Power: Mercantilism and Economic Nationalism

Readings


IV. Managing The Global Political Economy Since Second World War

Readings


V. Political Economy and the Impact of Multinational Corporations

Readings


6. Film: Global Village or Global Pillage?**
VI. Regionalism: Political Economy and the North-South Debate

Readings


VII. Current Trends and the Future in the Global Political Economy

Readings


**ADDITIONAL TEXTS**


**REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS**

African Development Bank (ADB)
African American Economic Empowerment
Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (ABEDA)
Caribbean Economic Community (CARICOM)
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
European Economic Community (EEC) now known as European Union (EU)
North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA)
Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
Southern African Development Economic Community (SADC)
International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank

**SOME USEFUL WEB SITES ON POLITICAL ECONOMY**

1. http://www.oneworld.org