



Political Economy (POEC) 483

International Political Economy: The Politics of Globalization (Revision 6)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the **course listing** [↗](#) for the current revision **ⓧ**

Delivery mode: Individualized study online [↗](#) with eText [↗](#)

Credits: 3

Areas of study: Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites: None. A previous political economy, political science, or economics course is recommended.

Precluded: POEC 483 is a cross-listed course—a course listed under 3 different disciplines—POEC 483, **GLST 483** and **INTR 483**. POEC 483 may not be taken for credit by students who have obtained credit for GLST 483 or INTR 483.

Challenge: POEC 483 has a challenge for credit option.

Faculty: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences [↗](#)

Overview

Does the term “globalization” capture the essence of what is taking shape in the 21st century? How do we understand this dynamic and fast-changing world economy? Political Economy 483 International Political Economy: The Politics of Globalization is a senior-level, three-credit course cross-listed with Global Studies, International Relations, and Political Economy. The course introduces highly contested issues and contradictory positions concerning the meaning and significance of globalization. Students will situate current global processes within the historical development of the world economy and learn to view these changes through a variety of theoretical lenses. The course materials critically engage the structural changes occurring between different world regions, among international financial institutions—such as the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank—as well as multinational business corporations. Finally, students will be engaged with issues of global governance in the 21st Century, as new economic and political centres of power emerge and evolve.



Outline

The course consists of the following ten units.

- Unit 1: Introduction
- Unit 2: “Pre-Globalization” International Power-Relations and Practices
- Unit 3: Contemporary Theories of International Political Economy Globalization
- Unit 4: The New Global Context
- Unit 5: Multinational Corporations and Global Production
- Unit 6: Regionalism and Globalization
- Unit 7: Developing Nations and Globalization
- Unit 8: Developed Nations and Globalization

- Unit 9: Opposing Globalization
- Unit 10: Future Trends and Issues

Evaluation


To **receive credit**  for POEC 483, you must achieve a minimum of D (50 percent) on the final assignment and a minimum composite course grade of **D (50 percent)** . The chart below summarizes the course activities and the credit weight associated with each. The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Book Review Assignment	25%
Research Essay	40%
Final Assignment	35%
Total	100%

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** .

Materials

Hirst, Paul, Grahame Thompson, and Simon Bromley. 2009.



Globalization in question. 3rd ed. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press. 
(eText)

Cohn, Theodore H. 2012. *Global political economy*. 6th ed. New York: Pearson Longman.  (PDF)

Stubbs, Richard, and Geoffrey R. D. Underhill, eds. 2006. *Political Economy and the Changing Global Order*. 3rd ed. Don Mills:

Oxford University Press.  (Print)

eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on **electronic textbooks** , please refer to our **eText Initiative site** .

Other Materials

All other course materials are online. w



Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit**  can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation





To **receive credit**  for the POEC 483 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **C- (60 percent)**  on the online examination.

Activity	Weight
Online Examination	100%
Total	100%



Challenge for credit course registration form

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