

Political Economy (PECO)

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PECO 5000 [0.5 credit]

Theories of Political Economy

A survey of the core concepts and ideas proposed by both the founders and modern practitioners of political economy. Particular attention will be paid to contemporary theorists and classical theorists such as Smith, Ricardo, Marx, Mill, Schumpeter, Keynes, Veblen, and Innis.

PECO 5001 [0.5 credit]

Methodologies of Political Economy

An examination of the methods, procedures, and rules for developing theory and guiding inquiry in political economy research, including topics such as logic of inquiry, conceptualization, research design, dialectics, level of analysis, comparison, evidence and statistics.

PECO 5002 [0.5 credit]

Political Economy of Work and Labour

Interdisciplinary survey of core concepts, contexts, and debates in the study of work and labour; critical and historical approach addressing inequalities of class, race, and disabilities; relational perspective on labour including technological change, care, political action, and the environment.

PECO 5501 [0.5 credit]

Special Topics in Political Economy I

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Institute regarding the topic offered. Also listed as SOCI 5504, PSCI 5501.

PECO 5502 [0.5 credit]

Special Topics in Political Economy II

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Institute regarding the topic offered. Also listed as SOCI 5505, PSCI 5502.

PECO 5503 [0.5 credit]

Special Topics in Work and Labour I

Topics and emphasis vary from term to term according to current policies and events influencing the distribution and benefits of work and labour including migration, technological and environmental change, privatization, austerity, and transnational legislation. Also listed as PSCI 5504, SOCI 5503.

PECO 5504 [0.5 credit]

Special Topics in Work and Labour II

Topics and emphasis vary from term to term according to current policies and events influencing the distribution and benefits of work and labour including migration, technological and environmental change, privatization, austerity, and transnational legislation. Also listed as PSCI 5505, SOCI 5502.

PECO 5900 [0.5 credit]

Tutorial in Political Economy

Directed readings on selected aspects of political economy, involving preparation of papers as the basis for discussion with the tutor. Offered when no regular course offering meets a candidate's specific needs. Prerequisite(s): permission of the Director.

PECO 5904 [0.5 credit]

Placement in Political Economy

Course participants earn credit by contributing to organizations engaged in research, policy, and advocacy activities related to IPE. Students will have opportunities to participate in and contribute to the mission of their placement organizations, develop professional skills, and reflect on career goals.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for PECO 5907 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Institute. Completion of PECO 5002 and completion or concurrent registration in PECO 5503/5504 for Work and Labour students. For all other IPE students, completion of PECO 5000 and at least one elective.

PECO 5905 [0.5 credit]

Reflective Practice in Work and Labour

This course is designed for students already engaged as staff or active volunteers in unions or other work- and labour-focused community organizations. Written work and discussion offers a space to reflect on questions of strategy, organization, and analysis relevant to their organization's mission.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for PECO 5906 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): PECO 5002 and completion of or concurrent registration in PECO 5503 or 5504 and permission of the Institute. unscheduled

PECO 5908 [1.0 credit]

Research Essay

Directly linked to the student's course work, the research essay must be interdisciplinary in approach.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

PECO 5909 [2.0 credits]

M.A. Thesis

The thesis is an alternative to the research essay. It must also be interdisciplinary in approach, and requires greater substance and originality than the Research Essay.

Normally, a student's thesis committee will be composed of members from more than one discipline.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

PECO 6000 [0.5 credit]

Political Economy: Core Concepts

Core concepts in political economy, drawn from classical and contemporary writings. Topics will be selected in consultation with participating units, taking into account the potential number of students, their research interests and those of the participating units.