

# Political Economy (PECO)

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## Political Economy (PECO) Courses

### PECO 5000 [0.5 credit]

#### Theories of Political Economy

Students analyze and synthesize the core concepts and ideas proposed by both the founders and modern practitioners of political economy. The course focuses on theories of power relations and inequalities and assesses the consequences of these theories.

### PECO 5001 [0.5 credit]

#### Methodologies of Political Economy

Students conceptualize, design, and conduct an interdisciplinary research project in political economy, using an appropriate methodological approach. Methodological alternatives are compared.

### PECO 5002 [0.5 credit]

#### Political Economy of Work and Labour

Students analyze and synthesize key concepts and debates in the political economy of work and labour, with particular attention to divisions of labour, power structures, and histories of struggle.

### 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 5505 [0.5 credit]

#### Special Topics in Political Economy III

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Institute regarding the topic offered.

### PECO 5506 [0.5 credit]

#### Special Topics in Political Economy IV

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Institute regarding the topic offered.

### 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.

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**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**

Students analyze and synthesize the historical evolution of, and contemporary debates in, political economy through interdisciplinary dialogue. Students develop knowledge of political economy theories compatible with their own research interests.