

HON 201
STATES, MARKETS, &
SOCIETIES

University Honors Program 2017-2018 (Offerings subject to change)

Course descriptions will be added.

AUTUMN QUARTER

Capitalism and Democracy, C. May – LPC TTH 11:20-12:50

Democracy and Globalization, E. Tillman – LPC MW 9:40-11:10

Recent events have inspired a growing debate about whether we are witnessing a 'backlash against globalization' in the advanced democratic states. In this course, we will consider what features of globalization would trigger a backlash, and among whom, and we will examine the evidence for and against such a backlash occurring. We will conclude by considering how democracy and globalization can 'co-exist' to accrue the benefits of each while avoiding the more damaging consequences.

Politics and Inequality – C. Adibe – LPC MW 2:40-4:10

The focus of this course is on the intersection of politics and economics in the modern world. The theme of this section of HON 201 is "Politics and Inequality." We shall examine the political and economic forces that are shaping human lives in the 21st century, and the local and global contexts of the economic inequality they produce within and across the boundaries of the state-system.

Foundations of Political Economy – M. Martinez – LPC TTH 1:00-2:30

Globalization – C. Sternberg – LPC MW 11:20-12:50

WINTER QUARTER

<u>Capitalism and its Consequences</u> – W. Steger – LPC TTH 11:20-12:50

This course examines how societies cope with the economic, social, cultural, political stresses that occur in a market-based economic system. Students will read and discuss arguments from neo-liberal, socialistic, and mixed system perspectives. Should governments pursue pro-market policies or policies that offer greater regulation of economic activity and redistribution of wealth? Discussions focus on the advantages/benefits and disadvantages/costs of these competing perspectives. We will look at the organization of the global economy and the debates on the extent to which the economy ought to be free or managed by governments.

Globalization – M. Sioh – LPC TTH 2:40-4:10

Debating Capitalism – P. Stalley – LPC MW 9:40-11:10

This class focuses on a single question: to what extent should our economy and society be organized through self-regulating markets? In essence, this is a question about the costs and benefits of free market capitalism. We will explore this question beginning with an examination of the historical debates over market capitalism. During the first half of the course, we will read some of the most influential works in political science, economics, and sociology to explore how those seeking to explain the events of the 19th and 20th century differ in their views about the proper relationship between state, market, and society. In the second half, we will turn attention to the modern variant of the debate and focus on globalization.

Foundations of Political Economy – D. Williams – MW 2:40-4:10

SPRING QUARTER

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Capitalism and Democracy – C. May – LPC TTH 2:40-4:10

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Please see winter quarter description.