

PA393H: The Global Political Economy

Course Overview:

This graduate seminar explores the domestic and international politics of the global economy and is designed to fulfill the international economics requirement for the MGPS program (other students are welcome to take it as an elective). We consider the determinants and effects of various types of cross-border flows, including goods and services (trade), capital (finance, exchange rates), production (foreign direct investment and supply chains) and people (migration and remittances). Along the way, we will also examine and evaluate the effectiveness of different institutions and policies focused on these issues. Please note that students interested in the political economy of international development should enroll in the PA388K: International Development course, which is offered in the fall semester at the LBJ School. This course does not have any prerequisites.

At the end of the course, students will:

- Be able to explain and apply core economic concepts and engage in substantive policy discussions relevant to the world economy;
- Analyze the determinants and effects of various types of cross-border flows, including goods and services (trade), capital (finance, exchange rates), production (foreign direct investment and supply chains) and people (migration and remittances);
- Attain in-depth knowledge of the key institutions in the world economy and how they work in theory and practice;
- Build critical writing, analytical and presentation skills through policy memos and in-class presentations (e.g. mock scenarios including principal briefings and press conferences);
- Develop skills related political debate and international negotiations through in-class exercises (e.g. mock trade negotiation; mock debt relief negotiation)