

## Politics and Markets | POU33194

Year	Junior Sophister
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	TBC
Pre-requisite	Nil
Semester	2
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### Module Outline

#### Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to grasp the distinct logics that shape political and economic organisation in capitalist systems. They will also be equipped to think critically and theoretically about how different societies respond to key policy challenges, and to draw comparative insights.

#### Module Learning Aims:

This course explores how political power shapes and is shaped by, patterns of economic exchange in contemporary market economies. We'll look at how different political and economic systems interact, and how institutions – whether formal or informal – constrain and enable policymaking in capitalist contexts. A central focus will be on how governments respond to the pressures of industrial and technological change, and how these responses reflect broader goal of development, stability, and national strategy.

We'll cover a range of topics including property rights, industrial policy, health care, agriculture, globalisation, migration, digital regulation, and climate change. Drawing on examples from both advanced and developing countries since the postwar period, the course takes a comparative approach to understanding how states structure markets, manage crises, and pursue long-term economic goals in an increasingly interconnected world.

### Assessment

Short assignments: 10%

Midterm essay: 30%

Final Exam (In-person, 2 hours) 60%

### Recommended Reading List

TBC