

# Political Economy, Certificate

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In a world of constant political and economic change, what happens in one part of the globe can have a major impact on events elsewhere. Learn about the immediate and reverberating repercussions of political and economic decisions and conditions, and be a positive force for change.

## Description

The political economy certificate program engages students in studying the intersection of politics and the economy. Students learn foundational concepts from both economics and political science, and they explore how domestic and international policymakers wrestle with political-economic issues.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

## Program requirements

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The certificate includes courses in political science, economics and other academic areas that relate to politics and the economy. Students majoring in any subject at the university may be awarded the certificate upon completion of the following: a total of 15 credit hours, of which at least 12 credit hours must be upper division. Nine credit hours must be from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

**Part One: Economics Foundation (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours**

[ECN 211: Macroeconomic Principles \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)

ECN 212: Microeconomic Principles (SOBE OR SB) (3)

**Part Two: Politics Foundation (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours**

POS 300: Contemporary Global Controversies (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 310: American National Government (AMIT OR SB) (3)

POS 350: Comparative Politics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

**Part Three: Political Economics and the World (choose two courses) -- 6 credit hours**

ECN 306: Survey of International Economics (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

ECN 360: Economic Development (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 379: The Resource Curse (3)

POS 465: International Organization and Law (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 485: Political Economy (SOBE OR SB) (3)

POS 486: International Political Economy (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

**Part Four: Related Elective (choose one course) -- 3 credit hours**

GCU 350: The Geography of World Crises (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

PAF 340: Contemporary Policy Challenges (3)

PAF 351: Urban and Metropolitan Studies (3)

PAF 352: Urban Theory (3)

POS 325: Public Policy Development (CIVI OR SB) (3)

POS 356: European Union (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

POS 367: World Politics and Global Inequalities (GCSI OR G) (3)

SGS 350: Economic Development and Globalization (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

## Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

## Career opportunities

The certificate program helps prepare students for careers in a variety of global and domestic environments.

Graduates who have combined the certificate in political economy with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in government, public policy, lobbying, nonprofit agencies or international business.

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