Political Economy

What It Is
Political economy looks at power and people, making this area of study a nexus between politics and economics. In this track, we delve into the history of economic institutions and thought, and we evaluate contrasting economic theories. Perhaps more than any other, these courses will challenge you to consider a variety of economic perspectives and to think critically about context and culture in economics.

Central Topics
- Power and inequality
- Economic history
- Gender and work
- Economic theory
- International economy

Complementary Minors
- Political Science
- International Studies
- History
- Women & Gender Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- Communications Studies

Picture Your Future
Many scholars are drawn to political economy to prepare for careers and futures with social and economic impact. You might see yourself:

- working for a political campaign
- designing or informing public policy
- pursuing a graduate program in economics, politics, law, or business

Courses
Every Economics major and minor is required to complete a course in Political Economy. The track gives students the opportunity to go above the requirement and take four political economy courses.

- ECON 332 International Political Economy
- ECON 372 History of Economic Institutions and Thought
- ECON 376 Marxist Economic Thought
- ECON 379 Economic History of the United States
- ECON 474 Recent Economic Thought