

COURSE NUMBER: Vr369		COURSE TITLE: Politics of International Economic Relations	
TERMS OFFERED: Summer		PREREQUISITES:	
TEXTBOOKS/REQUIRED MATERIAL: Dicken, P. (2011) <i>Global Shift</i> (6th edition) London: Sage. Oatley, T. (2010) <i>International Political Economy</i> (4 th edition). New York: Pearson		INSTRUCTOR: Sam C. Ro DATE OF PREPARATION: Oct. 12, 2012 DATE OF UC APPROVAL:	
INSTRUCTOR(S): Sam C. Ro		SCIENCE/DESIGN:	
CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course aims at providing a clear understanding of the current international economic relations through a close examination of the processes involved in 'globalization'. Students will first be introduced to the broad changes in the nature of Global Production Networks (GPNs) during the second half the 20 th century and the position of actors involved in shaping GPNs. Particular attention will be paid to the changing nature of the transnational corporations (TNCs) and their interactions with the states. Second half of the course will focus on understanding the international politics surrounding macro structure of global capitalism and include discussions on the management of FDI, international monetary System and international trade.		COURSE TOPICS: 1. Understanding Global Economy(3 hrs) 2. Analytical Framework: Global Production Networks (GPN) (3hrs) 3. Actors of GPN (3 hrs) 4. Anatomy of TNCs (3 hrs) 5. Impacts of TNCs on host/home countries (3 hrs) 6. Governments Roles in Managing Economy (3 hrs) 7. States and TNCs (3hrs) 8. International Monetary System and Financial Crises (9 hrs) 9. International Trade System (6 hrs)	
COURSE STRUCTURE/SCHEDULE: Lecture: once per week 90 minutes; Seminar: biweekly, 90 minutes			
COURSE OBJECTIVES [Course Outcomes in brackets]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a broad conceptual understanding of the structure and underlying processes of global capitalism focusing on the Global Production Network and the roles played by different actors To provide an understanding of the current international monetary and trade system To provide the experience of an in-depth case study focusing on a the operation of a particular TNC and its impact on home and host countries 		
COURSE OUTCOMES [Program Outcomes in brackets]*	<p>After completing Vr140, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the characteristics of current global economy [j] Explain the roles of States, TNCs, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Labor and Consumers in relation to geographic expansion of the global production networks and the impacts on home and host countries using a particular case. [h ,j] Understand political issues surrounding the management of the Foreign Direct Investments. [h, j] Explain the structure of current international monetary system and the domestic implications of such structure. [h, j] Understand the processes behind recent international financial crises and international political issues surrounding them.[h, j] Understand the processes behind the international trade settlements and political issues surrounding them. [h, j] Design and carry out research to engage broader arguments based on factual details using various sources [h, i, j] Work as a tem to make group presentations summarizing individual studies [f, g, h, j] Write an academic essay to present their own arguments based on their research [f, g, h, i, j] Actively contribute to discussions by making comments and raising questions [f, g] 		
ASSESSMENT TOOLS [Course Outcomes in brackets]	<p>Term Paper [1, 2, 7, 9] Group Presentation [1, 2, 8, 10] Class Participation [10] Final Exam [3, 4, 5, 6]</p>		

* based on ME Program outcomes