什么是 politics？什么是 economics？有許多定義。一個 politics 定義加上一個 economics 定義，就構成一個 political economy。許多人 politics 定義加上許多 economics 定義，就構成許多 political economy。亦，探討 political economy 有許多 approaches。為探討 political economy，有必要了解 politics 与 economics 之定義。

政治经济学可以包括内容十分广泛。本课程是一学期之课程，授课重点疑虑安排如下:
1. 概述
2. politics and economics
3. Classical political economy
4. Neoclassical political economy
5. Keynesian political economy
6. Marxist political economy
7. Economic approaches to politics
8. Game theory
9. rent-seeking models of the political process
10. The political economy of regulation
11. Power-centered approaches to political economy
12. State-centered approaches to political economy
13. 新制度主義概述
14. normative institutionalism
15. Sociological institutionalism
16. Rational choice institutionalism
17. Historical institutionalism