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CPS 251: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ECONOMY

This course is intended to expose students to the relationship between Politics and Economics. In a world where political and economic issues are interlinked, it becomes quite apparent that they do influence each other either directly or indirectly.

It is therefore critical that students appreciate the theoretical and methodological parameters that define such relationship. The mobilization of wealth has had implications for wealth acquisition and vice versa.

In order to expose the subject matter, the course shall discuss the following topics;

CONCEPTUALIZATION OF POLITICAL ECONOMY

- ✓ What is Political Economy?
- ✓ State Controlled Economic System (Mercantilism)
- ✓ Market Based Economic System (Liberalism)

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF CAPITAL

- ✓ What is Foreign Aid
- ✓ Developmental Capital
- ✓ Globalization

TOWARDS REGIONAL APPROACH TO POLITICAL ECONOMY

- ✓ The Essence of Regional Economic Communities