

POLS 494, Fall 2009
Topics in Political Science:
Political Economy: Marx's Critique and Other Perspectives

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Mondays 3:30-6:00 pm

This course is primarily a close semester-long reading of volume 1 of Marx's **Capital: A Critique of Political Economy.** Along the way we will try to read as many excerpts from alternative perspectives as we can squeeze in. Depending on time constraints, I hope to include bits of Keynes, Polanyi, Hayek, Braudel, and Mitchell.

This is a combined undergraduate/graduate course. For undergraduates, upper-division status and some background in political theory are required. Although background in classical and/or neo-classical political economy is certainly welcome, it is by no means necessary. The class should be of interest to a broad swath of graduate students from disciplines across the social sciences and humanities.