

## ECON40009 Positive Political Economics

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.5									
<b>Level:</b>	4 (Undergraduate)									
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2016, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.									
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: Lectures and tutorials totalling three hours per week Total Time Commitment: Not available									
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Admission into BH-COM or BH-ARTS (Economics) and both of the following: <table border="1" data-bbox="387 573 1485 779"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ECON40001 Advanced Microeconomics</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ECON40002 Advanced Macroeconomics</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	ECON40001 Advanced Microeconomics	Semester 1	12.50	ECON40002 Advanced Macroeconomics	Semester 1	12.50
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ECON40002 Advanced Macroeconomics	Semester 1	12.50								
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None									
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Please refer to Prerequisites and Corequisites.									
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	<table border="1" data-bbox="387 972 1485 1122"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ECON90037 Positive Political Economics</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	ECON90037 Positive Political Economics	Semester 2	12.5			
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<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>									
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject provides an overview of the field of political economics. Political economics extends the scope of standard economic analysis by assuming that individuals follow their own agenda and maximize their own utility not only in the economic, but also in the political sphere. The following broad areas will be covered: Determinants of institutional quality and its effects on economic performance; models of political competition and (re-)elections; various (so-called) political and institutional failures, including corruption and rent seeking, and delays in welfare-increasing reforms.									
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	Information not available.									
<b>Assessment:</b>	A 2-hour end of semester examination (60%) One assignment of 3000 words due in week 6 (40%)									

<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Journal articles and the textbook Persson, T., and G. Tabellini, 2000, Political Economics: Explaining Economic Policy, MIT Press
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># High level of development: written communication; problem solving; interpretation and analysis; critical thinking ; receptiveness to alternative ideas.</li> <li># Moderate level of development: oral communication; statistical reasoning; synthesis of data and other information; evaluation of data and other information; use of computer software; accessing data and other information from a range of sources.</li> <li># Some level of development: collaborative learning; team work.</li> </ul>
<b>Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:</b>	Master of Economics electives