The field of Political Economy focuses on ‘real world economics’: the study of economic developments in their political and policy-relevant context. The minor in Political Economy complements the analysis of the political context with a deep theoretical and empirical understanding how economic dynamics produce winners and losers and how that affects our society and policy choices.

The minor addresses a range of pressing social and political issues and their underlying economic dynamics. Some examples are corporate social responsibility, international development and lobbying activities by multinational corporations.
The minor in Political Economy provides students with the basic tools to understand these phenomena and to be able to critically analyse developments in the global economy. The minor is particularly appropriate for students pursuing an eventual career in the corporate world, in (international) economic policy-making, or in corporate sector-government relations. The minor may be taken in two semesters (one academic year) or spread over two academic years; the programme structure and timetabling obliges you to start in semester one.

**Courses:**
- Introduction to Political Economy (semester 1, block 1) 6 EC
- International Political Economy (semester 2, block 4 and 5) 12 EC

**Electives:**
In addition, students will follow 12 EC of electives such as Introduction to Politics (12 EC, block 1/2), Introduction to International Relations (12 EC, block 2/3) or Diversity, Equality, Justice (6 EC, block 4). The offer of electives in the minor may be subject to change, so please refer to the course catalogue for the options.

This minor is set up as a dual language program, which means that Dutch language students can decide to take some of the tutorials in Dutch and are allowed to write in Dutch. However, it remains possible that if too few Dutch language students register for courses the Dutch language tutorials are cancelled and all teaching is in English.

**Registration:**
- International exchange students are contacted by their programme coordinator regarding enrollment.
- Students from other Dutch universities can register as a guest student at the UvA via Studielink. After registration, students will be issued a student ID number.
- To enrol in this minor programme please fill out the application form on the minor page of the digital UvA Course Catalogue (http://coursecatalogue.uva.nl).
- Use your student ID number to register for the minor courses in SiS during the course registration period (June for courses in semester 1 or December for courses in semester 2).