

## PLSC 486Z – The Political Economy of Conflict

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### *Course Description:*

When politics become violent, a group's access and ability to plunder resources plays a crucial role in determining the type and severity of the fighting. Understanding the political economy of a conflict is crucial for developing successful mediation and resolution. The course focuses on internal conflicts such as rebellions, civil war and terrorism. Through case studies and statistical analyses, students explore a diversity of explanations for political violence. The beginning of the course introduces political economic dimensions of conflict and then transitions to methods of conflict resolution. By the end of the course, students are expected to apply the course's theoretical components to construct a conflict intervention program. Open to seniors only (Political Science, PPL, ENVI, Dual Diploma majors). Others permitted by petition.