

CATALOG INFORMATION

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Dept & Nbr: POL 202 Title: POLITICAL THEORY/ISSUES

Full Title: Political Theory & Issues

Units	Course Hours	Per Week	Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours	Total
Max: 3.0	Lecture	3.0	17	Lecture	51.0
Min: 3.0	Lab	0.0		Lab	0.0
	Contact DHR	0.0		Contact DHR	0.0
	Contact Total	3.0		Contact Total	51.0
	Non-contact DHR	0.0		Non-contact DHR	0.0

Title 5 Category: 01 AA Degree Applic
Grading: GC Credit course for grade or CR/NC
Repeatability: 00 No repeatability allowed or defined
Also listed as:

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to the major political theories and ideologies which have shaped modern politics from the French Revolution to the present. Democratic theory, liberalism, nationalism, socialism, communism, fascism and conservatism are among the topics we will examine.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:

No advisories.

LIMITS ON ENROLLMENT:

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES INFORMATION:

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(Grade or CR/NC)
Transfer Credit: CSU.

ARTICULATION and CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Effective: FALL 2003 Inactive:
Area: B2 SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

CSU GE: Effective: FALL 2004 Inactive:
Transfer area: D8 POLITICAL SCI., GOVT./LEGAL INSTITUTIONS

IGETC: Effective: SPRING 2005 Inactive:
Transfer area: 4H POLITICAL SCIENCE

CSU TRANSFER: TRANSFERABLE Effective: FALL 2007 Inactive:

UC TRANSFER: Effective: Inactive:

CAN:

CERTIFICATE APPLICABLE: N NOT CERTIFICATE/MAJOR APPLICABLE

APPROVAL AND DATES

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	Curriculum approved: 09/19/2003	Version approved: 03/16/2007
	Prerequisites approved: 09/19/2003	Last reviewed: 03/16/2007
Term effective: FALL 2007	Last taught:	Inactive:

COURSE CONTENT

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OUTCOME AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Define and explain the scope, purpose, and methodology that will be used to organize and structure the subject matter in the course.
2. Record notes from their reading in the textbook.
3. Record notes from the lectures given in class.
4. Discuss their point of view in class discussions.
5. Demonstrate communication and analytical skill level on exams.
6. Use information learned from the textbook and lectures on exams.
7. Compose and contrast the various theories and ideologies we study in the course in class discussion and on exams.
8. Evaluate the various theories and ideologies we study in the course in class discussion and on exams.

TOPICS AND SCOPE:

1. Introduction to the course.
 - a. The scope and purpose of the course.
 - b. Review syllabus.
 - c. Review textbook.
2. The historical and political setting for theory and ideology.
 - a. The Commercial Revolution. (1500-1600)
 - b. The Age of Reason and the Age of Enlightenment. (1600-1800)
 - c. The American Revolution 1776.
 - d. The French Revolution 1789.
3. A definition, an explanation of theory and ideology. The theory and ideology in nationalism.
 - a. What is theory?
 - b. What is ideology?
 - c. Nationalism, theory and ideology.
4. Capitalism and classical liberalism.
 - a. What is modern capitalism?
 - b. "Classical liberalism".
 - c. The impact of capitalism and classical liberalism on monarchy and democracy.
5. The historical setting for nineteenth century democracy.
 - a. The Industrial Revolution.
 - b. The Urban Revolution.

- c. The coming of democracy.
- 6. The theory and ideology of nineteenth century democracy.
 - a. The theory of democracy.
 - b. The ideology of democracy.
 - c. An evaluation of nineteenth century democracy.
- 7. The spectrum of political attitudes.
 - a. Radical.
 - b. Liberal.
 - c. Moderate.
 - d. Conservative.
 - e. Reactionary.
 - f. Values.
 - g. The changing spectrum.
- 8. Historical, economic, social and political changes in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
 - a. The mature industrial and urban revolutions bring changes.
 - b. Times of turmoil and unrest.
- 9. Anarchism and progressivism.
 - a. What is anarchism and its impact on theory and ideology?
 - b. What is progressivism and its impact on theory and ideology?
- 10. The historical setting for Marxism.
 - a. The economic problems.
 - b. The social problems.
 - c. The limitations of democracy and capitalism.
- 11. Marxism.
 - a. The background of Karl Marx.
 - b. Marxist theory.
 - c. Marxist ideology.
- 12. The historical setting for socialism.
 - a. The background.
 - b. The weaknesses of capitalism.
 - c. The weaknesses of democracy.
 - d. The weaknesses of Marxism.
- 13. Late nineteenth and early twentieth century socialism.
 - a. The early Utopian Socialist.
 - b. Socialist theory after Marx.
 - c. "Classical Socialism".
- 14. The historical setting for communism.
 - a. The background.
 - b. The strengths and weaknesses of Marxism and socialism.
 - c. Lenin and the Soviet Union.
- 15. Communism
 - a. The theory and ideology of communism.
 - b. Leninism and communism.
 - c. Stalinism and communism.
- 16. Political Philosophy
 - a. John Locke
 - b. Thomas Hobbes
 - c. Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- 17. The historical setting for fascism.
 - a. The background.
 - b. The economic, social, and political problems in the period 1920-1945.

18. Facism.
 - a. The theory of fascism.
 - b. The ideology of fascism.
 - c. An evaluation of fascism.
19. The historical setting for modern theories and ideologies, 1945 to the present.
 - a. The western world after 1945.
 - b. Improvements in democracy.
 - c. Changes in socialism.
 - d. Changes in communism.
 - e. Changes in feminism.
20. Ideologies in the third world.
 - a. Third world theories and ideologies.
 - b. Nationalism in the third world.
 - c. Economics of the third world.
 - d. Economic materialism.
 - e. Democratic dictatorship in the third world.
 - f. Theology of liberation.
21. An overview of the course and a perspective on today.
 - a. A look backward over the course.
 - b. Political theory and ideology today.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Read and study appropriate chapters in the textbook.
2. Regular attendance and extensive note taking in class is expected and assumed.
3. Preparation for in-class, closed book, no notes essay exams.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

1. Lecture and visual aids.
2. Discussion and problem solving performed in class.
3. Quiz and examination review performed in class.
4. Guest speakers.
5. Reading assignments.

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Understand and differentiate between different ideologies, philosophies, methodologies of government through exams, quizzes, and short papers.

BASIS FOR GRADING:

The assignment of a grade is based on the level of achievement of the outcomes and objectives of the course outline and is reflected in quantifiable terms in the course syllabus.

REPRESENTATIVE TEXTBOOKS:

Political Ideologies - Their Origins and Impact, 8th ed. by Leon P. Baradat. Prentice-Hall, 2003.

REASON FOR REVISION

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The material covered in Political Science 202 does not require prerequisites. This course does not build on the material covered in the two courses listed as prerequisites. Eliminating these unnecessary obstacles to enrollment will hopefully encourage more students to take Political Theory, which has historically suffered from low numbers. A better course description, one that conveys the exciting nature of the material, may also boost student interest in the course.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Advisory generate desc:	N	NO
Area department:	POL	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Audit flag:	N	NOT AUDITABLE
Basic skills:	X	NOT BASIC SKILLS
Classification:	A	Liberal Arts and Sciences
Cost level:	00	VALUE NOT FOUND
Disciplines:		POLITICAL SCIENCE
Division:	02	MERIDITH RANDALL
Faculty service areas:		POLITICAL SCIENCE
Fee:	\$0.00	
In-service:	X	NOT IN-SERVICE
Level below transfer:	X	NOT APPLICABLE
Matric-requiring:	X	Exempt from assessment
Maximum class size:	0	
Maximum wait list:	0	
Method of instruction:	02	LECTURE
Non-credit category:	X	NOT APPLICABLE, CREDIT COURSE
Open entry/exit:	N	Not open entry/exit
Pacs activity:	2207	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Pacs program project:	0000	
Preq/coreq generate desc:	Y	YES
Preq/coreq provisional:	N	NO
Preq/coreq reg check:	N	NO PREREQUISITE RULES EXIST
Repeat group id:		
Requires instructor sig:	N	INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED
SAM classification:	E	Non-occupational
Selected/special topic:	N	NOT A SELECTED TOPIC COURSE
Special class:	X	NOT A SPECIAL COURSE
TOP code:	2207.00	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Workload:	0.0000	