

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 305	Course Title : Political Theory I
Required / Elective : Required	Pre / Co-requisites : -
Description: The course will familiarize students with concepts related to political theory.	Textbook: There is no textbook for this course. There is a compilation of readings available at the Copy Center.
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS	
Extended Description: Examination of ancient Greek, Roman, and medieval political thinkers, the analysis of their major contributions to the development of modern political theory. The essence and nature of concepts and themes related with political theories.	
Design content : None	Computer usage: Required for writing response papers
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate awareness of the key texts on political theory • Demonstrate knowledge on critical concepts to be found in political theory • Acquire ability to evaluate various normative arguments • Read carefully, think critically, and write clearly 	
Teaching methods:	
Lectures, class discussion, paper writing	
Course Outline	
Week	Topics
1	Polis and politics: democratic revolution & Pre-Socratic philosophy
2	Plato
3	Plato
4	Aristotle
5	Aristotle
6	Political theory in ancient Rome
7	Medieval political theory
8	Machiavelli
9	Machiavelli
10	The natural law tradition and the emergence of modern politics
11	Hobbes
12	Hobbes
13	Grotius and Pufendorf

14	Spinoza and Leibniz
15	Review

Assessment methods:

Response papers	30%
Midterm exam	25%
Class participation	10%
Final exam	35%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
IR6	Understand the international legal framework					
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					x
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					x
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					x

PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics			x		
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically					x
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence					
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences					
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups		x			
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms					x
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly				x	
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public					
16	Understand, read, and write in English					x
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report					x
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy				x	

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading 40 hrs

Lectures 37 hrs

Exam preparation 25 hrs

Response paper writing 18 hrs

Exams 5 hrs

TOTAL 125 hrs (25x5) 5 ECTS

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