

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: PHIL 210		Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)													
Course Full Title: Introduction to Political Philosophy Course Short Title: Intro to Political Philosophy															
Faculty: Faculty of Humanities		Department (or program if no department): Philosophy													
Calendar Description: Introduces normative political philosophy, that is, theories about the moral foundations of politics. Evaluates political philosophy theories in terms of addressing contemporary problems, such as racial injustice, gendered violence, and settler colonialism.															
Prerequisites (or NONE):		15 university-level credits.													
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		None													
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		None													
Antirequisite Courses <i>(Cannot be taken for additional credit.)</i> Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent course(s): <i>(If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.)</i>		Course Details Special Topics course: No <i>(If yes, the course will be offered under different letter designations representing different topics.)</i> Directed Study course: No <i>(See policy 207 for more information.)</i> Grading System: Letter grades Delivery Mode: May be offered in multiple delivery modes Expected frequency: Annually Maximum enrolment (for information only): 28													
Typical Structure of Instructional Hours <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lecture/seminar</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total hours</td> <td>45</td> </tr> </table>		Lecture/seminar	45									Total hours	45	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) PLAR is available for this course.	
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Scheduled Laboratory Hours Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		Transfer Credit <i>(See bctransferguide.ca.)</i> Transfer credit already exists: Yes Submit outline for (re)articulation: Yes <i>(If yes, fill in transfer credit form.)</i>													
Department approval		Date of meeting: November 11, 2022													
Faculty Council approval		Date of meeting: December 9, 2022													
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval		Date of meeting: February 24, 2023													

Learning Outcomes *(These should contribute to students' ability to meet program outcomes and thus Institutional Learning Outcomes.)*

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Articulate core concepts, theories, and issues in political philosophy.
2. Interpret contemporary issues through the lens of political philosophy.
3. Analyze arguments in political philosophy from Western and Indigenous philosophical frameworks.
4. Apply political philosophical theories to contemporary problems.

Recommended Evaluation Methods and Weighting *(Evaluation should align to learning outcomes.)*

Final exam:	30%	Assignments:	70%	%
	%		%	%

Details:

Assignments may include:

- Argumentative essays (50%)
- Options of reflection posts, class presentation, editorial assignment, video presentation, digital storytelling, or poster presentation (20%)

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Texts and Resource Materials *(Include online resources and Indigenous knowledge sources. [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) should be included whenever possible. If more space is required, use the [Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form](#).)*

Type	Author or description	Title and publication/access details	Year
1. Textbook	Steven Cahn	Political Philosophy: The Essential Texts	2014
2. Textbook	Charles Mills	The Racial Contract	1997
3. Textbook	Leanne Simpson	Dancing On Our Turtle's Back	2012
4. OER book	Noah Levin	Political Philosophy Reader: An Open Education Resource	2017
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Required Additional Supplies and Materials *(Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)***Course Content and Topics**

Unit 1:

- Introduction to normative political philosophy
- History of social contract theory (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau)

Unit 2:

- Contemporary social contract theory and defining justice
- Feminist critiques of social contract theory

Unit 3:

- Social contract theory and race

Unit 4:

- Social contract theory and Indigenous resurgence