

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	March 1994
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	September 2023
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED:	May 2014
(four years after UPAC approval)	(month, year)

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.

Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor

POSC 312	Philosophy & Political Science	3
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	UFV CREDITS
Order, Liberty, and Equality: Western Political Thought from the 17th Century to 1900		
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE		

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course will cover the history of Western political thought from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The course will focus on the writing of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Bentham, JS Mill, Madison, Hegel, and Marx. It provides a good overview for students in History, English, and other disciplines, as well as Political Science.

Note: Students with credit for PHIL 372 cannot take this course for further credit.

PREREQUISITES: One of POSC 120, POSC 270, POSC 311, PHIL 110, PHIL 210, or 45 university-level credits.

COREQUISITES:

PRE or COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):

- (a) Replaces: _____
- (b) Cross-listed with: _____
- (c) Cannot take: **PHIL 372** for further credit.

SERVICE COURSE TO: (department/program)

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 45

STRUCTURE OF HOURS:

Lectures:	25	Hrs
Seminar:	20	Hrs
Laboratory:		Hrs
Field experience:		Hrs
Student directed learning:		Hrs
Other (specify):		Hrs

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:

Length of course: **N/A**

Hours per day: **N/A**

OTHER:

Maximum enrolment: **25**

Expected frequency of course offerings: **Once every year.**
(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)

☐ Yes ☒ No

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)

☐ Yes ☒ No

TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Department approval	Date of meeting:
Faculty Council approval	Date of meeting:
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval	Date of meeting: April 21, 2023

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

1. Demonstrate understanding of key historical texts.
2. Read independently and interpret political theories.
3. Apply the tradition of Western political thought to an interpretation of their own lives and times.

METHODS: *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Lectures, seminars, assigned readings, essays, written and oral feedback on essays.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

☒ Examination(s) ☐ Portfolio assessment ☐ Interview(s)

☐ Other (specify):

☐ PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS: *[Textbook selection varies by instructor. Examples for this course might be:]*

Porter (Ed.), Classics in Political Philosophy (3rd edition).

Hobbes, Leviathan.

Robert Tucker (Ed.), The Marx-Engels Reader (2nd edition), (Norton; 1978)

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

STUDENT EVALUATION: *[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]*

2 essays, 1500 - 2500 words 45% each

Class participation 10%

COURSE CONTENT: *[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]*

1. a) Introduction to the course
b) Introduction to the Protestant Reformation
2. The Protestant Reformation: Institutions and Knowledge
3. Hobbes: The War of All Against All
4. Hobbes: Knowledge, Anxiety, and Political Order
5. John Locke: Classical Liberal Individualism and Liberal Democracy
6. Adam Smith & Jeremy Bentham: Capitalism, Technique & Progress
7. Jean-Jacques Rousseau I: The Political Economy of the Fall
8. John Stuart Mill
9. G.W.F. Hegel: Reason and History
10. Marx and Hegel: Materialism as Theory and Method
11. Karl Marx: The Theory of Human Nature
12. Marx and Lenin: The Theory of State
13. Nietzsche and Modernity