

LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

- 1) write a detailed scholarly essay on a problem or question in political theory.
- 2) understand a particular area of political theory from an informed viewpoint.
- 3) recognize one or more major themes in political theory
- 4) continue study of political theory at an advanced level in a more scholarly fashion
- 5) to comment intelligently on certain aspects of political theory.

METHODS:

Primarily seminar format, with students taking a leading role in presenting material and leading discussions.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check :) Yes No

METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:

Challenge exam or essay.

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

The reading list will vary depending on the content of the course. A typical reading list will include primary sources and will require the student to take initiative in locating suitable material and presenting it to the class.

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

None.

STUDENT EVALUATION:

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

Evaluation procedures will vary, but students are always evaluated on a variety of performances that may include essays, contributions to class, presentation of reports, papers, and projects. A typical distribution of work would assign 20% to in-class presentations and contributions, 20% to research assignments, 30% to essays and 30% to projects which connect the work of this course to areas of interest in the students' career.

COURSE CONTENT:

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

Classical Marxist Theory

Issues of Historical Materialism: French Revolutions
Early Works: 1843
The Turning Point: Early Writings: 1844 Manuscripts
Manifesto of the Communist Party
Refining the Critique of Political Economy: Value, Price and Profit
Historicizing the Critique of Political Economy
The Historically Specific Social Relations of Capitalism
French Revolutions, Part I: The 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte
French Revolutions, Part II - The Civil War in France
Marx's Politics of Revolution

Lenin and Luxemburg