ORIGINAL COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 1976
REVISED COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2025
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED (six years after UEC approval)**:** January 2031
Course outline form version: 29/08/2024

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

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

Course Code and Number: POSC 120	**Number of Credits:** 3 Course credit policy (105)
Course Full Title: Ideology and Politics **Course Short Title:** Ideology & Politics	
Faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences	**Department/School:** Political Science

Calendar Description:

Explores theories of power, government, freedom, justice, and liberation through the study of diverse political ideologies, including liberalism, conservatism, communism, socialism, anarchism, neoliberalism, libertarianism, feminism, decolonialism, antiracism, and environmentalism.

Prerequisites (or NONE):	None.
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):	None.
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):	None.

Antirequisite Courses *(Cannot be taken for additional credit.)*

Former course code/number:

Cross-listed with:

Equivalent course(s):

(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.)

Typical Structure of Instructional Hours

Lecture/seminar	45
Total hours	**45**

Scheduled Laboratory Hours

Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: **No**

Course Details

Special Topics course: **No**

(If yes, the course will be offered under different letter designations representing different topics.)

Directed Study course: **No**

(See policy 207 for more information.)

Grading System: **Letter grades**

Delivery Mode: **May be offered in multiple delivery modes**

Expected frequency: **Every semester**

Maximum enrolment (for information only)**: 36**

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

PLAR is available for this course.

Transfer Credit *(See **bctransferguide.ca**.)*

Transfer credit already exists: **Yes**

Submit outline for (re)articulation: **No**

(If yes, fill in transfer credit form.)

Department approval	**Date of meeting:**	October25 2024
Faculty Council approval	**Date of meeting:**	December 6, 2024
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval	**Date of meeting:**	January 31, 2025

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 the core elements of major political ideologies.
2. Describe the core elements of decolonial, antiracist, and feminist ideologies.
3. Explain the relevance of ideologies to Canadian and other geo-political contexts.
4. Identify key figures and events in the development of major political ideologies.
5. Analyze the ideological leanings of political texts and speeches.
6. Explicate political ideologies via oral and written medium.

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

Quizzes/tests/midterm:	30%	Final exam:	30%	Assignments:	30%
Holistic assessment:	10%		%		%

Details:

Writing-intensive midterm: 30%
Writing-intensive final: 30%
Interpretive essay: 30%
Class participation (class discussion, active listening, and group discussion): 10%

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

Typical Instructional Methods *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Lectures, group discussions, assigned readings, essays, written and oral feedback on assignments

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.	Book	H.B McCullough	Political Ideologies: 2nd Edition	2017
2.	Online resource	CBC News	Beyond 94: Truth and Reconciliation in Canada	2024
3.	Online resource	Martin Luther King Jr	Letter From a Birmingham Jail	1963
4.	Online resource	Jean-Jacques Dessalines & Louis Boisrond-Tonnerre	Haitian Declaration of Independence	1804
5.	Online resource	Karl Marx & Frederick Engels	Manifesto of the Communist Party	1848

Required Additional Supplies and Materials *(Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)*

None

Course Content and Topics

- What is ideology?
- Classical liberalism and reform liberalism
- Conservatism and fascism
- Communism
- Socialism and social democracy
- Anarchism
- Libertarianism and neo-liberalism
- Decolonialism and antiracism
- Feminism
- Environmentalism