

POLITICAL SCIENCE 201

Introduction to Political Philosophy

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We are delighted to have you study Introduction to Political Philosophy this quarter. This class meets for lectures Monday through Friday 12:30 to 1:20pm. You are required to fully participate in the discussions. There will be no makeup exams. The final exam will be given only as the schedule indicates, and exceptions will be made only under special circumstances. Prior to such requests, the student must have good attendance and class participation. Please refrain from talking to your friends during the lecture. Anyone who is engaged in such behavior will be asked to leave the class.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

KarPowicz, Julian, On the History of Political Philosophy, Pearson, 2012

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Political philosophy, political thought, and political theory are interchangeable. Political philosophy is about the systematic analysis of politics, order and institutions. To be analytical, we have to ask a question, give an answer and then give a reason (s) for the answer. Political philosophy is the foundation of politics and what we do in life as well as what we do not do. Political philosophy is subdivided into normative, traditional, and analytical areas.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the course, the students will have attained knowledge and understanding of political philosophy. The student will be able to discuss, orally and in writing, the following political philosophers: specific aspects such as Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Wollstonecraft, Hume, Burke, Kant, Mill, Marx, Freud, Weber, Rawls, Power, State, Justice, Freedom, Liberalism, Conservatism, Feminism, and Human Rights.

SPECIFIC COURSE OUTCOMES:

- Active participation in course discussions
- Group participation to analyze lecture materials and assigned chapters
- Presentation of topics with clarity
- Reading maps, charts and figures
- Understand the historical concepts terms and events
- Understand the social political economic impact of historical events that have taken place
- Follow computer assignments with analysis to be discussed in class
- Positive student interaction and respect of each other
- Students will learn activity, think critically, communicate with clarity and interact in a diverse and complex environment.

(Please read the attached policies of the Social Science Division.)

Topical Outline:

Week 1: Political Philosophy

Plato: Who Should Rule?

Week 2: Aristotle: The Best Constitution.

Week 3: Cicero: The idea of the Republic

Week 4: First Mid-Term

St Augustine: The City of God

Week 5: St Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Social Solidarity.

Week 6: Machiavelli: How to Rule?

Week 7: Second Mid-Term

Grotius: International Society.

Week 8: Hobbes: The Beginning of Modernity

Week 9: Locke: Liberty and Property

Week 10: Hume, Burke, Mill, Kant, and Marx.

Week 11: Final Exam.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students must read the required text, attend classes, participate in class discussions and take three exams. Anyone who misses lectures, group work, or has not read the materials for discussions will get 1 (one) point taken from her/his total points for each day missed. Students are encouraged to read the material in advance. No late papers or presentations will be accepted. For the research project, please make a reference to APA. Students who are late to class, the same rules as above will apply

Grading:

First mid-term	25%	A = 93 - 100	C = 73 - 76
Presentation	25%	A- = 90 - 92	C- = 70 - 72
Final mid-term	25%	B+ = 87 - 89	D+ = 67 - 69
Paper	25%	B = 83 - 86	D = 63 - 66
		B- = 80 - 82	D- = 60 - 62
		C+ = 77 - 79	F = 59 - below

ORAL PRESENTATION CRITIQUE

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

TOPIC: _____

Key: 1 = Needs Improvement; 3 = Average; 5 = Excellent

1. <u>Nonverbal Signals</u> (eye contact, general confidence level, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	_____
2. <u>Voice Quality</u> (very effective delivery, talking too fast, slowly, softly, loudly, monotone, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	_____
3. <u>Preparation</u> (organized information, notes, practiced, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	_____
4. <u>Level of Interest Presentation</u> Created (audience involvement, creativity, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	_____
5. <u>Content of Information & Analysis, Audio/Visual Display</u>	1	2	3	4	5	_____

OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF PRESENTATION:

1. Strengths:

2. Weaknesses:

SELECTED EXAMPLES OF MEDIA RESOURCES

I. Search Engines

www.yahoo.com
www.hotbot.com

www.webcrawler.com
www.lycos.com

www.altavista.com
www.excite.com

II. Websites for political science research

www.amnesty.org
www.senate.gov
www.thomas.loc.gov

www.cia.gov
www.house.gov
www.congress.org

www.law.com
www.un.org
www.whitehouse.gov

- III. **Television and print resources**
 NBC, CBS, ABC, CNN, PBS, CNBC
 Christian Science Monitor, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal,
 New York Times, The Seattle Times/PI

IV. **Movies with a political theme (no all inclusive)**

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington
 Gideon's Trumpet
 Beyond the Glass Ceiling
 I Have a Dream
 The Seduction of Joe Tyman
 Missiles of October
 On the Beach
 Dr. Strangelove
 The mouse that Roared
 Hearts & Minds
 The Last Emperor of China
 The Red Empire
 Children of Heaven

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 Suggested Reading**

Saint Augustine, <i>The City of God</i>	Burke, Edmund, <i>Reflections on the French Revolution</i>
Hegel, G.W.F., <i>The Philosophy of History</i>	deTocqueville, Alexis, <i>The Old Regime and the French Revolution</i>
Marx, Karl, and Engels, Friedrich, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i>	Dostoevsky, Fyodor, <i>The Possessed</i>
Sorel, Georges, <i>Reflections on Violence</i>	Bury, J.B., <i>The Idea of Progress</i>
Berdyaev, Nicolas, <i>The Meaning of History</i>	Mairaux, Andre, <i>Man's Fate</i>
Buber, Martin, <i>The Prophetic Faith</i>	Popper, Karl, <i>The Open Society and its Enemies</i>
Luwith, Karl, <i>Meaning in History</i>	Niebur, Reinhold, <i>The Nature and Destiny of Man</i>
Niebur, Rheinhold, <i>Faith and History</i>	Niebur, Reinhold, <i>The Irony of American History</i>
Strauss, Leo, <i>Natural Right and History</i>	Camus, Albert, <i>The Rebel</i>
Aultmann, Rudolf, <i>History and Eschatology: The Presence of Eternity</i>	Fanon, Frantz, <i>The Wretched of the Earth</i>
Arendt, Hannah, <i>On Revolution</i>	Ellul, Jacdques, <i>Autopsy of Revolution</i>
Didion, Joan, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>	Plato, <i>The Republic</i>
Cicero, Marcus Tullius, <i>On the Commonwealth</i>	Saint Thomas Quinas, <i>On Politics and Ethics</i> , ed. and trans. Paul Sigmund
Machiavelli, Niccolo, <i>The Discourses</i>	Hobbes, Thomas, <i>Leviathan</i>
Locke, John, <i>The Second Treatise of Government</i>	Rousseau, jean Jacques, <i>The Social Contract</i>
Hamilton, Alexander; Jay, John; and Madison, James, <i>The Federalist</i>	Hegel, G.W.F., <i>Philosophy of Right</i>
Mill, John Stuart, <i>On Liberty</i>	Koestler, Arthur, <i>Darkness at Noon</i>
Orwell, George, <i>1984</i>	Lippman, Walter, <i>The Public Philosophy</i>
Friedman, Milton, <i>Capitalism and Freedom</i>	Berlin, Isaiah, <i>Four Essays on Liberty</i>
Rawls, John, <i>A Theory of Justice</i>	Aristotle, <i>Politics</i>
Rousseau, Jean Jacques, <i>Discourse on the Origin of Inequality</i>	Kant, Immanuel, <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i>
Paine, Thomas, <i>The Rights of Man</i>	deTocqueville, Alexis, <i>Democracy in America</i>

Kierkegaard, Seren, <i>The Present Age</i>	Mill, John Stuart, <i>The Subjection of Women</i>
Marx, Karl, <i>Capital</i>	Nietzsche, Friedrich, <i>Thus Spake Zarathustra</i>
Ortega y Gasset, Jose, <i>The Revolt of the Masses</i>	Camus, Albert, <i>The Plague</i>
Orwell, George, <i>The Road to Wigan Pier</i>	Okin, Susan Moller, <i>Women in Western Political Thought</i>
Elashtain, Jean Bethke, <i>Public Man, Private Woman: Women in Social and Political Thought</i>	Benhabib, Seyla, and Cornell, Drucilla (eds.), <i>Feminism as Critique: on the Politics of Gender</i>
Coole, Diane H., <i>Women in Political Theory: From ancient Misogyny to Contemporary Feminism</i>	Plato, <i>Apology</i>
Marcus Aurelius, <i>Meditations</i>	Saint Augustine, <i>The Political Writings of St. Augustine, Ed. by H. Paolucci</i>
Machiavelli, Niccolo, <i>The Prince</i>	Mill, John Stuart, <i>Representative Government</i>
Marx, Karl, <i>The Civil War in France</i>	Green, Thomas Hill, <i>Lectures on the Principles of Political Obligation</i>
Tolstoy, Leo, <i>Resurrection</i>	Niebuhr, Reinhold, <i>Moral Man and Immoral Society</i>
Niebuhr, Reinhold, <i>The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness</i>	Tillie, Paul, <i>Love, Power, and Justice</i>
Arendt, Hannah, <i>The Origins of Totalitarianism</i>	Arendt, Hannah, <i>The Human Condition</i>
Marquez, Gabriel Garcia, <i>The Autumn of the Patriarch</i>	Kundera, Milan, <i>The Unbearable Lightness of Being</i>
Plato, <i>The Symposium</i>	Dante Alighieri, <i>On World-Government</i>
Kant, Immanuel, <i>The Fundamental Principles of the metaphysic of Ethics</i>	Marx, Karl, <i>Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts</i>
Dostoevsky, Fyodor, <i>The Brothers Karamazov</i>	Durkheim, Emile, <i>Suicide</i>
Buber, Martin, <i>I and Thou</i>	Freud, Sigmund, <i>Civilization and Its Discontents</i>
Bergson, Henri, <i>The Two Sources of Morality and Religion</i>	Silone, Ignazio, <i>Bread and Wine</i>
Berdyaev, Nicolas, <i>Slavery and Freedom</i>	Fromm, Erich, <i>Escape from Freedom</i>
Niebuhr, Reinhold, <i>The Nature and Destiny of Man</i>	Weil, Simone, <i>The Need for Roots</i>
Marcuse, Herbert, <i>Eros and Civilization</i>	Plato, <i>Gorgias</i>
Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>	Locke, <i>A Letter Concerning Toleration</i>
Mill, John Stuart, <i>Utilitarianism</i>	Dostoevsky, Fyodor, <i>Crime and Punishment</i>
Green, Thomas Hill, <i>Lectures on the Principles of Political Obligation</i>	Troeltsch, Ernst, <i>The Social Teaching of the Christian Churches</i>
Buber, Martin, <i>Paths in Tuopia</i>	Berdyaev, Nicolas, <i>The Destiny of Man</i>
Lippman, Walter, <i>The Good Society</i>	Eliot, T.S., <i>The Idea of a Christian Society</i>
Schumpeter, Joseph, <i>Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy</i>	Dewey, John, <i>Liberalism and Social Action</i>
Niebuhr, H. Richard, <i>Christ and Culture</i>	Voegelin, Eric, <i>The New Science of Politics</i>
Wolff, Robert Paul, <i>The Poverty of Liberalism</i>	MacIntyre, Alasdair, <i>After Virtue: A Study of Moral Theory</i>
Kariel, Henry, <i>The Desperate Politics of Postmodernism</i>	

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION

Revised Fall 2006

Cheating, stealing and Plagiarizing*

“Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one’s own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue Community College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue Community College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.”

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete (I). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an “F”).

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of “F”.

Final Examination Schedule

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BCC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student’s control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by the date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of “HW” (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students With Special Needs

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are required to meet with the Disability Support Services (DSS) office, room B233-G (telephone (425) 564-4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DSS office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class must review the DSS accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with Disability Support Services, or review those needs with the instructor as well.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BCC Web site.

Return of Papers and Test

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

*If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue Community College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of division Chair (D110C), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.