

Course Description**POT 2014 | European Political Theory 1 | 3 credits**

This course covers the more important trends in European political thought from Plato to the present. It examines those ideas which have contributed to the shaping of the political cultures of Western and Eastern Europe. It discusses the historical evolution of key concepts of politics such as freedom, order, political obligations, justice, consent, rights and duties, power and authority. A prior course in Government, History or Philosophy is desirable. Given in English. Level 1. Offered through Overseas Study Program.

Course Competencies**Competency 1:**

The student will be able to explain the key concepts and themes of European political theory by:

- Identifying and describing the major political theories that have emerged from Europe.
- Discussing and analyzing the key concepts and themes of European political theory.
- Applying European political theory to contemporary political issues.

Learning Outcomes

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy

Competency 2:

The student will be able to analyze the historical and cultural context of European political theory by:

- Comparing and contrasting the cultural and political context in which European political theory emerged.
- Analyzing the impact of cultural and historical context on European political theory.
- Applying European political theory to real-world political situations.

Learning Outcomes

- Cultural / Global Perspective

Competency 3:

The student will be able to evaluate the relevance of European political theory to contemporary political issues by:

- Conducting mock debates that apply European political theory to analyze and discuss contemporary political issues.
- Evaluating the relevance of European political theory to contemporary political issues.

- Creating a policy brief that applies European political theory to address real-world political situations.

Competency 4:

The student will develop communication skills that improve competence in intercultural communication by:

- Engaging in cross-cultural dialogues and debates that explore European political theories, fostering an understanding of diverse perspectives and enhancing their ability to communicate effectively with individuals from different cultural backgrounds.
- Conducting research on European political theories and presenting their findings in a manner that is culturally sensitive, demonstrating an awareness of intercultural nuances and effectively conveying complex ideas to diverse audiences.
- Participating in collaborative projects that require working with peers from different cultural backgrounds to analyze European political theories, fostering teamwork, cultural empathy, and the ability to effectively communicate and negotiate across cultural boundaries.