



Course Description

POT 2014 | European Political Theory 1 | 3 credits

This course includes works from the Western canon and examines trends in European political thought from ancient times to the present, focusing on ideas that have shaped political landscapes. Students will analyze social and behavioral science concepts to understand political behavior, including freedom, order, justice, and power. Through this exploration, students will develop skills to assess past and present social, political, and economic issues, using principles of political theory and social science.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will be able to explain the key concepts and themes of European political theory by:

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

Competency 2: The student will be able to analyze the historical and cultural context of European political theory by:

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

Competency 3: The student will be able to evaluate the relevance of European political theory to contemporary political issues by:

1. Conducting mock debates that apply European political theory to analyze and discuss contemporary political issues.
2. Evaluating the relevance of European political theory to contemporary political issues.
3. 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:

1. 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.
2. Conducting research on European political theories and presenting their findings in a manner that demonstrates an awareness of intercultural nuances and effectively conveys complex ideas to diverse audiences.
3. Participating in collaborative projects that require working with peers from different cultural backgrounds to analyze European political theories, fostering teamwork, empathy, and the ability to communicate and negotiate across boundaries effectively.

Learning Outcomes

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning.
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information.