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GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

Political Science 1010
INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL STUDIES:
Ideas and Forms of Government
University Transfer
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College Calendar course description:

This course is an introduction to key political concepts such as power, authority, order, equality, freedom and justice. These concepts are examined as they are used by different ideologies including liberalism, conservatism, socialism, communism, anarchism, feminism, postmodernism, and religious fundamentalism. Political ideas and practices are also examined in the context of democratic, authoritarian and totalitarian forms of government. The role of the news media under different kinds of regime may also be considered.

Course objectives:

This course, along with Political Studies 1020, is designed to introduce you to the political world and the academic study of it. PS1010 is intended to:

1. provide you with a basic knowledge of key political ideas and concepts, and the main political ideologies;
2. encourage you to think about the nature and context of different forms of government, as well as the requirements of democracy; and
3. also encourage you to appreciate the value of thinking clearly and systematically about the political world around us.

PLEASE NOTE: Details of this course outline are subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class.

Course requirements:

Attendance and participation	10%
First assignment.....	15%
Midterm exam.....	25%
Essay	20%
Final exam	30%

Required texts:

1. Mark Dickerson & Thomas Flanagan, An Introduction to Government and Politics: A Conceptual Approach, 6th edition. Scarborough, Ontario: ITP Nelson, 2002.
2. Roger Giddins & Laleen Youngman, Mindscapes: Political Ideologies Towards the 21st Century, Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1996

32. Political Science 1040 course package.

Note: You may use the 5th edition of Dickerson and Flanagan, but you will have to follow different pagination and obtain and read some material added to the 6th edition.

Topics

I. Introduction.

- A. What is politics? Politics and law. Politics and morality. Political power and resources.
- B. Terrorism. What is it? Who are the terrorists? Responses to terrorism. Political issues related to terrorism.
- C. What is Political Science? Related employment opportunities.

II. The basis for political rule.

- A. Legitimacy and authority.
- B. Law and constitutionalism.

III. Political Ideologies

- A. Political Ideologies. Components. Key concepts such as order, equality, freedom and justice.
- B. Liberalism.
- C. Conservatism.
- D. Populism.
- E. Socialism and Communism.
- F. Anarchism.
- G. Feminism.
- H. Postmodernism.
- I. Religious Fundamentalism.

IV. Democratic and other forms of Government

- A. Classifications of government
- B. Democracy. Democratic constitutions. Direct Democracy. Transitions to Democracy.
- C. Authoritarianism and Totalitarianism
- D. News Media

READINGS

Note: CP = Course Package. D&F = Dickerson & Flanagan.
G&Y = Gibbins & Youngman. WCT = Web CT.

I. Introduction.

- A. What is politics? Politics and law. Politics and morality. Political power and resources.
- D&F ch. 1; ch. 2 pp. 30-33
- B. Terrorism. What is it? Who are the terrorists? Responses to terrorism. Political issues related to terrorism.
- (CP) Stansfield Turner, "10 Steps Against Terror," pp. 180-3
- "Prentice Hall Authors Speak Out: September 11 and Beyond," selected articles. www.prenhall.com/phauthorspeakout.

- Noam Chomsky interviews.
www.monkeyfist.com/ChomskyArchive/interviews

C. What is Political Science? Related employment opportunities.

- D&F "Introduction"
- (CP) James John Guy, "What is Political Science?"
pp. 47-63, 67-74

II. The basis for political rule.

A. Legitimacy and authority.

- D&F ch. 2, pp. 33-43.
- B. Law and constitutionalism.
- D&F ch. 6 and 7

II. Political Ideologies

A. Political Ideologies. Components. Key concepts such as order, equality, freedom and justice.

- D&F ch. 9
- G&Y ch. 1

B. Liberalism.

- D&F ch. 10
- G&Y ch. 2

C. Conservatism.

- D&F ch. 11
- G&Y ch. 3

D. Populism.

- G&Y ch. 8

E. Socialism and Communism.

- D&F ch. 12
- G&Y ch. 4

F. Anarchism.

- TBA

G. Feminism.

- D&F ch. 13
- G&Y ch. 5

H. Postmodernism.

- TBA

I. Religious Fundamentalism.

- TBA

IV. Democratic and other forms of Government

A. Classifications of government

- D&F ch. 16

B. Democracy. Democratic constitutions. Direct Democracy.
Transitions to Democracy.

- D&F ch. 17 & 18
- (CP) Charlton & Barker, Issue 18, "Do Referendums Enrich Democracy?" pp. 407-27

C. Authoritarianism and Totalitarianism

- D&F ch. 19
- G&Y ch. 9

D. News Media

- D&F ch 24
- (CP) Neil Postman, "The Peek-a-Boo World," pp. 64-80
- (CP) Robert Hackett, "News Media's Influence on Canadian Party Politics," pp. 381-97