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Class Hours for Philosophy 2030

Monday/Wednesday/Friday   9:00AM – 9:50PM   Strickland Room 168

Office Hours:

Mon./Wed./Fri.   10:00AM - 11:00AM and 12:15PM - 1:15PM   Strickland Rm. 156

Or by appointment if necessary

Web Page: http://www.gc.peachnet.edu/socsci/kstewart/

3 Credit Hours

Course Prerequisites:
None, but it is suggested you have completely the reading class if you need it in order to keep up with the extensive amount of reading necessary for a Political Science/Philosophy class of this nature.

Course Description and Objectives: This course is designed to give the first time student of American political thought a basic understand of how political thought has developed from the time of John Winthrop and Tom Cotton through the modern political thinkers such as Walter Lippmann, C. Wright Mills and Allan Bloom. In addition we will look at more contemporary ideas found in writers such as Richard Rorty, Bill McKibben and Milton Friedman.

I expect each student at the completion of this course to have a better understanding of how political thought has developed and been built upon in the United States. I also hope the student will have a better understand of our system of government developed through the use of political thought. The goal of the University of North Georgia is to further the intellectual development of the student. This is to enable the student to be grounded in the necessary classes that can be transferable to a senior college. This Political Science course is an integral part for major in Political Science. This course is primarily design in order to further the knowledge of
the student in the political theory through both a historical and philosophical perspective.

It is hoped the student will gain knowledge and understanding of and/or develop skills in the areas of communication, systematic inquiry and investigative procedures, multicultural understanding, group dynamics, historical and contemporary social life and self-understanding. Each of these is an essential element of the College's academic mission as outlined in its general education outcomes. In particular, the course objectives are the following:

1. To know, understand and critically reflect on the philosophical concepts that are the foundation of our political thought;
2. To understand what the various types of political theories consist of and the role they play in moral decision making today;
3. To develop analytic skills by examining current and past philosophical and political issues;
4. To have a greater understand on the importance of political thought with the large number of dilemmas that confront society today;
5. To be able to critically reflect on and explain the relationship of the past and present on political behavior today.
6. To increase both written and oral communication skills.

Administrative Hours:

Division of Social Sciences
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday

Central Offices: Admissions & Records, Comptroller & Financial Aid
8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday

Bookstore
7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday
7:30 a.m. - Noon Friday

University Center Office
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday

Class Policies:

Withdrawal and Incomplete Policy: The last date to withdraw and receive a "W" can be found in the current College General Bulletin. Other withdrawals are given only when they are consistent with general college guidelines.
**Attendance:** Attendance in this class is strongly recommended. You're adults and I will treat you as such. However, I consider participation and interaction an important part of philosophic discourse. If you are not here, you cannot participate and will be graded accordingly. For each class you miss you will lose 5% off you participation grade. If you have more than 7 absences you will receive an automatic F, no argument, no bartering.

**Academic Integrity:** Cheating and the use of plagiarism are unacceptable in this class and will be dealt with appropriately. To copy or use the work of another and call it your own, to use the ideas of another as your own without giving due credit is unfair to the original author and does yourself a disservice. Taking answers from another’s paper or using another students work is also cheating. Please do not do either. *(Class policy on Plagiarism and Cheating: Plagiarism and Cheating is the knowing use of work not your own. This includes directly copying another’s work, taking the ideas of another, etc. This will not be tolerated. Anyone found plagiarizing or cheating will be given an automatic F for the semester and will be required to appear before the schools disciplinary committee.)*

**Cell Phones:** Turn all cell phones off before entering my classes unless you inform me of a possible emergency situation. It is rude and disrupts my class and that would disappoint me greatly.

**Makeup Policy:** Tests and Quizzes: There will be **no make-ups** for exams unless there has been **prior** discussion with the Professor and/or if a verifiable excuse can be presented at the time of the request.

Papers can be turned in late with a **penalty of one letter grade per day late.** There are no exceptions to this. The student has plenty of time during the semester to prepare the work. If it is late, the paper must be put into the professor’s hand or time stamped by Julie Davies, the Administrative Assistant, at the Social Sciences and Educations Division office- Academic II Rm. 164. **Do not slide papers under the instructor’s office door….they will not be accepted.**

**Accessibility Statement and Supplemental Policies:**

If you need this document in another format, please contact Dr. Kerry R. Stewart at kerry.stewart@ung.edu or call (678)717-3631 http://ung.edu/web-toolbox/web-accessibility/accessible-documents.php

Supplemental Syllabus

http://ung.edu/academic-affairs/policies-and-guidelines/supplemental-syllabus.php
For People with Disabilities:

This university is committed to equal access to its programs, services, and activities, and welcomes otherwise qualified students with disabilities. Students who require accommodations and services must register with Disability Services and submit supporting documentation. Disability Services provides accommodation memos for eligible students to give to their instructors. Students are responsible for making arrangements with instructors, and must give reasonable prior notice of the need for accommodation.

Contact Information for Disability Services:
* Gainesville Campus: Carolyn Swindle, Assistant Director, cswindle@gsc.edu, Dunlap-Mathis Building, Room 107, 678-717-3855
* Dahlonega Campus: Thomas McCoy, Assistant Director, tmmccoy@northgeorgia.edu, Stewart Student Success Center, Room 313, 706-867-2782.
* Oconee Campus: Erin Williams, Assistant Director, ewilliams@gsc.edu, Administration Building, Room 112, 706-310-6202
* Cumming Instructional Site: Nicola Dovey, Director ndovey@gsc.edu, or Beth Bellamy, Test Facilitator, bbellamy@gsc.edu, 678-717-3855.
(For on-site assistance, email Jason Pruitt, Assistant Director of UC 400 at jpruitt@northgeorgia.edu)

Dates to Remember:

- **August 17:** Classes begin
- **August 28:** Paper Proposals Due
- **September 7:** Labor Day Holiday No School
- **September 14:** First Midterm
- **October 21:** Last day I will accept papers to edit.
- **November 16:** Term paper is due.
- **November 20:** Second Midterm
- **November 23 thru 27:** Thanksgiving Holidays No School
- **December ?:** Final is Due

**Grades:** Grades are based on the accepted system of Gainesville College

- A: 90-100
- B: 80-89
- C: 70-79
- D: 60-69
Required Reading:

   ISBN: 978-0-393-92886-0
And Readings Supplied By The Instructor

Course requirements:
Two Mid-Term Exams (@20%ea = 40%)
Term Paper (20%)
Final Exam (25%)
Class Participation (15%)

Term Paper (20%): Each paper will be on the political theory of one of the authors we examine during the semester. It will be no less than 12 (full) to 15 pages in length. There will be a handout with additional guidelines that must be followed in order to earn an "A".

2 Mid-Term Exams (@20%ea.): The Mid-Term exam will consist of two parts: a take home portion and an in class portion. The in-class portion will be several short answer questions which can be completed in the time allotted. The take-home portion of the exam will be give a week prior to the in-class portion. It will consist of two parts A and B...A must be answered. B will give the student several questions to choose from, one of which must be answered.. The take-home portion of the exam will be turned in the day of the in-class portion. No Late take-home portions of the exam will be accepted. No exceptions.

Final Exam (25%): Will be solely a take home exam formated like the take home portion of the mid-terms

Class Participation (15%): Political theory is the discussion of ideas. The instructor values input so class participation plays a large role in the students grade. The class is run more like a seminar than a lecture class. Do not come to class unprepared to speak on the readings for the day, if you are unprepared there are consequences.

Class Outline:
Week 1 Aug 17-21: Introduction, colonial roots. We will look at Puritan political and social ideals and the ideas of self government.
Week 2-3 Aug. 24-28: The founding era continued. We will examine the political thought of the revolution
Week 3 Aug. 31- Sept 4: The founding era concluded. We finish the constitution looking at the document and its critics.
Week 4 Sept. 7-11: Democracy and the union. This week we will look at The Federalist and Jeffersonian visions.
Week 5 Sept. 14-18: Democracy and the union continue as we examine Jacksonian democracy.
Week 6 Sept. 21-25: Democracy and the union continues with individualism, democracy and women in the early republic.
Week 7 Sept. 28 - Oct. 2: This week concludes democracy and the union. We will look at slavery and free labor. **First Mid-term.**
Week 8 Oct. 5-9: Capitalism, individualism and populism. We will look at social Darwinism, the intellectuals and populism and the voices of dissent
Week 9 Oct.12-16: Capitalism, individualism and populism continued. This week we examine empire and race.
Week 10 Oct. 19-23: Capitalism, individualism and populism concluded, Examined will be the progressive era.
Week 12 Nov. 2-6: Leviathan and liberalism continued. The cold war.
Week 13 Nov. 9-13: Leviathan and liberalism continued. The 1960's.
Week 14 Nov. 16-20: Leviathan and liberalism concluded. The contemporary discourse. **Second Mid-term.**
Week 15 Nov. 23-27: Thanksgiving Holidays
Week 16 Nov. 30 - Dec. 4: The comprehensive Final Exam will be distributed and we will finish up and concluding remarks.