

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	Program	BS Political Science																						
2.	Title	Western Political Philosophy (Ancient Hellenic Political Thought)																						
3.	Semester	5 th																						
4.	Code	BS -PS301																						
5.	Rating	04 Credit Hours																						
6.	Type	Core Course																						
7.	Pre-requisites																							
8.	Introduction	This course is designed to provide students grounding in evolution of Greek Political thought and institutions. The significance of this course is that Greek philosophy and institutions provided the basis for further development of the political studies.																						
9.	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide students with a basic grasp of the evolution of political thought in the Western tradition. • To teach students how to study historical works of philosophy. • To identify how issues and questions in contemporary politics and contemporary political thought have their roots in historical writings. 																						
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11.	Outcome	Students shall be able to understand the classic works of ancient Greek thinkers. It is																						

		<p>expected that students shall be able to grasp the key political concepts analyzed by Greek and other thinkers who analyzed the political institutions and processes. Additionally, the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas and Niccolo Machiavelli's discourse on relationship between religion and politics.</p>
12.	Recommended Books / Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paul Cartledge, "Greek Political Thought: The Historical Context", in Christopher Rowe and Malcolm Schofield, eds, <i>The Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Political Thought</i> (Cambridge, 2000) ➤ Janet Coleman, <i>A History of Political Thought</i>, (Malden, MA, 2000) ➤ Judd Harmon, <i>Political Thought from Plato to the Present</i>: New York, McGraw Hill, 1964. ➤ Jha, Shefali. <i>Western Political Thought</i>, Publisher: Pearson India, <i>August 2009</i> ➤ Nelson, B.R (2006). <i>Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology</i>. (2nd Ed) Pearson. ➤ George Sabine, <i>A History of Political Theory</i> (Hinsdale, IL, 4th edn., 1973) ➤ Christopher Rowe and Malcolm Schofield, eds, <i>The Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Political Thought</i> (Cambridge, 2000). ➤ William Ebenstein, <i>Political Thought in Perspective</i>, New York, McGraw Hill, 1957 ➤ Earnest Barker, <i>Greek Political Thought: Plato & Aristotle</i>, London, 1964

Assessment Criteria:

Requirements	
Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations	
Mid-Term Exam	
Final Term Exam	