

1.	Program	BS Political Science															
2.	Title	Modern Western Political Thought															
3.	Semester	6 th															
4.	Code	PS 310															
5.	Rating	04 Credit Hours															
6.	Type	Core Course															
7.	Prerequisites																
8.	Introduction	This course examines major texts in the history of political thought. Many of these texts pose difficult questions concerning the political community, social order, and human nature. This course asks how different views on human nature and the uses of history inform the design of government. It also considers the ways in which various thinkers have responded to the political problems of their times, and the ways in which they contribute to a broader conversation about human goods and needs, justice, democracy, and the ever- changing relationship between the citizen and the state.															
9.	Objectives	One of our central aims in this course will be to gain a critical perspective on our times by evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of various regimes and philosophical approaches. We will also work to better understand those assumptions and basic concepts that define the field of political science. Each of the units that comprise this course is devoted to a broad theme central to understanding politics.															
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11.	Outcome	Students are expected to have the complete understanding of medieval and modern age political thinkers and their political thought. Students are expected to relate the philosophy to modern issues of political theory and practice.										
12.	Recommended Books / Reference	➤ Judd Harmon, Political Thought from Plato to the Present: New York, McGraw Hill, 1964. ➤ Jha, Shefali. Western Political Thought, Publisher: Pearson India, <i>August 2009</i> ➤ Nelson, B.R (2006). Western Political Thought: From Socrates to the Age of Ideology. (2nd Ed) Pearson. ➤ Paul Cartledge, “Greek Political Thought: The Historical Context”, in <i>Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Political Thought</i> (Cambridge, 2000) ➤ Janet Coleman, <i>A History of Political Thought</i>, (Malden, MA, 2000) ➤ Joseph Canning, <i>A History of Medieval Political Thought, 300–1450</i> (London, 1996) ➤ R. W. Southern, <i>Western Society and the Church in the Middle Ages</i> (New York, 1970) ➤ E. A. Rees, <i>Political Thought from Machiavelli to Stalin</i> (Houndmills, 2004) ➤ 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). ➤ Sheldon Wolin, <i>Politics and Vision: Continuity and Innovation in Western Political Thought</i> (Princeton, 2004)										