PHIL 9 Course Outline as of Fall 2011

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: PHIL 9   Title: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
Full Title: Political Philosophy
Last Reviewed: 10/23/2017

Units			Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total		
Maximum	3.00		Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled		52.50
Minimum	3.00		Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled		0
			Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR		0
			Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total		52.50
			Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR		0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00   Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable
Grading: Grade or P/NP
Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP
Also Listed As:
Formerly:

Catalog Description:
A philosophical examination of political concepts such as liberty, equality, rights, justice, and democracy. Typical approaches will use these concepts to address the nature of government and citizenship, then apply these concepts to contemporary issues such as civil rights, the welfare state, and civil disobedience.

Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:
Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:
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Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent
Limits on Enrollment:
Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.
Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	E	Humanities	Fall 1996	
	G	American Cultures/Ethnic Studies		
CSU GE:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	C2	Humanities	Fall 1997	
IGETC:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	3B	Humanities	Fall 1997	
CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective: Fall 1996	Inactive:	
UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective: Fall 1996	Inactive:	

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:
Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
1. Explain the relationship between political philosophy and political science.
2. Identify philosophical concepts within political theories.
3. Analyze philosophical arguments about political theories.
4. Critically evaluate philosophical arguments about political theories.
5. Compare and contrast how various political philosophies apply to selected current global and/or local political issues.

Topics and Scope:

A. Introduction
    1. Nature of philosophical reflection
    2. Special issues of political philosophy
B. Basic issue of governmental legitimacy: theories about what justifies state power over individuals
C. Rights of the individual
    1. Liberty
    2. Human rights
    3. Political rights
    4. Negative and positive rights
D. Rights and responsibilities involved in citizenship
    1. Free speech
    2. Privacy

      3. Other
E. Theories of constitutional interpretation
F. Common and shared values
    1. Procedural values
    2. Substantive values
G. Systematic political philosophies and differing views of human nature and human society
    1. Conservatism
    2. Liberalism
    3. Communitarianism
    4. Democratic socialism
    5. Others

Assignment:

1. Regularly assigned reading from course texts of approximately 20 pages per week
2. Eight to ten multiple choice and/or short essay quizzes covering the assigned readings
3. 1-3 essays, typically 3-10 pages each
4. Final examination involving true/false, multiple choice, fill-in, and/or essay questions

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Essays	Writing 30 - 60%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None	Problem solving 0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None	Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Exams to include multiple choice, true/false, fill-in, and essay questions	Exams 30 - 60%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation	Other Category 0 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Political Philosophy: The Essential Texts, Stephen M. Cahn, Oxford University Press, USA; 2nd edition, 2010.
Political Philosophy, A. John Simmons, Oxford University Press, USA, 2007.
Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present, David Boucher, Oxford University Press, USA; 2nd edition, 2009.
Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Anthology, Robert E. Goodin (Editor), Philip Pettit (Editor), Wiley-Blackwell; 2nd edition, 2005.
Social and Political Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction, John Christman, Routledge, 2002. (Classic)