



The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Political and Economic Ideas

Subject	Cat-Nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
POL	2000	10212	1, 2002	ONC	1.00	TWMB

Academic Group:	FOBUS
Academic Org:	FOB002
HECS Band:	1
ASCED Code:	090101

STAFFING

Examiner: Geoff Cockfield

Moderator: Richard Temple-Smith

SYNOPSIS

This course is intended to introduce students to a range of influential political and economic ideas. These ideas are the basis for modern political and personal debates. They are also the basis for contemporary political, economic and social arrangements. Students are in effect learning about the ideas that dominate our societies. The course is suitable for students from all discipline areas and does not require formal prior education in politics and economics. It is a course for those interested in discussion, ideas and debates, and who have some capacity for critical analysis.

OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course a student should be able to:

- Discuss political concepts and their application;
- Examine major ideologies;
- Analyse the influence of major ideologies on political and economic systems.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Ideology	5.00
2. Liberalism	13.00
3. Conservatism	10.00
4. Socialism	12.00
5. Communism	10.00

6. Anarchism	10.00
7. Fascism	10.00
8. Feminism	10.00
9. Environmentalism	10.00
10. The End of History	10.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> by entering the author or title of the text.

No one book is sufficiently comprehensive.

USQ, 2002, Political and Economic Ideas, Selected Readings 1 & 2, University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba

Heywood, Andrew, 1998 *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*, 2nd edn, MacMillan, Basingstoke.

Summers, J. & Smith, B., (eds) 2001 *Faculty of Business Communication Skills Handbook*, 4th edn, Faculty of Business, USQ, Toowoomba, Qld.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Kramnick, I., and Watkins, F M. *The Age of Ideology*, 2nd edn, Prentice- Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., latest edi.

Lipson, L., 1997 *The Great Issues of Politics*, 10th edn, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, (La.

Sabine, G.H., 1973 *A History of Political Theory*, 4th edn rev., Hinsdale, Ill: Dryden Press.

Vincent, A., 1992 *Modern Political Ideologies*, Blackwell, Oxford.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessment	10
Lectures	28
Private Study	99
Tutorial	28

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks Out of	Wtg(%)	Required	Due Date
ASSIGNMENT 1	25.00	25.00	Y	04 Mar 2002 (see note 1)
ASSIGNMENT 2	25.00	25.00	Y	04 Mar 2002 (see note 2)
3 HOUR EXAMINATION	50.00	50.00	Y	END S1 (see note 3)

NOTES:

1. Further details about the due dates are detailed in the assessment section of the Course Specifications.
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3. You will be notified of the official examination date following finalisation of the schedule.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 To be assured of a passing grade in this unit students will be required to obtain at least 50% for the assignments in aggregate and at least 50% in the final examination and an overall mark of 50%. Final grades for the unit will be determined by the addition of the marks obtained in each assessment item, weighted as in the Assessment Details and by considering the students' level of achievement of the objectives of the unit. To be assured of a B grade students will be required to obtain an overall mark of 65%. To be assured of an A grade students will be required to obtain an overall mark of 75%. To be assured of an HD grade students will be required to obtain an overall mark of 85%.
- 2 The due date of an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the University, and is normally that defined in the relevant course specification. The onus is on the student to provide, if requested, proof of date of despatch.
- 3 Students should organise their affairs to ensure that they meet due dates for all assignments. Extensions will be granted only under exceptional extenuating circumstances, normally involving a significant medical condition.
- 4 Students may apply for an assignment extension either by application through DEC before the due date or by including application with the submitted assignment after the due date. Such applications should be in writing and include supporting documentary evidence. The authority for granting extensions rests with the relevant Course Leader.
- 5 All assignments despatched after due dates without appropriate extension approvals or after approved extension dates will be penalised up to a maximum of 20% of the assigned mark per work day.
- 6 Students must retain a copy of all assignments which must be provided if/when required by the Course Leader.

- 7 Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as applying to the number of marks allocated to questions testing those topics in an examination paper.
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