



The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Political and Economic Ideas

Subject	Cat-Nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
POL	2000	20212	1, 2003	EXT	1.00	TWMBBA

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.

Heywood, A 1998, *Political ideologies: An introduction*, 2nd edition, MacMillan, Basingstoke.

Summers, J & Smith, B 2003, *Communication skills handbook: How to succeed in written and oral communication*, 5th edition, John Wiley & Sons, Brisbane.

(revised edition)

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 & Watkins, FM *The age of ideology*, 2nd edition, Prentice- Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.

Lipson, L 1997, *The great issues of politics*, 10th edition, Prentice-Hall, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Sabine, GH 1973, *A history of political theory*, 4th edition, Dryden Press, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Vincent, A 1992, *Modern political ideologies*, Blackwell, Oxford.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessment	10
Directed Study	56
Private Study	99

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks Out of	Wtg(%)	Required	Due Date
ASSIGNMENT 1	25.00	25.00	Y	11 Apr 2003
ASSIGNMENT 2	25.00	25.00	Y	23 May 2003
3 HOUR EXAMINATION	50.00	50.00	Y	END S1 (see note)

NOTES:

The examination is scheduled to be held in the end-of-semester examination period. Students will be advised of the official examination date after the timetable has been finalised.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
If you are an International student in Australia it is a requirement of your student visa that you attend all classes at your campus. For all other students, there are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 20% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit all of the summative assessment items, achieve at least 50% in the examination and at least 50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
This is a restricted examination. Candidates are allowed access to specific materials during the examination. The only materials that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course are English translation dictionaries (but not technical dictionaries).
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:

Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL: <http://www.usq.edu.au/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/> or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook. Students should also read The Guide to Policies and Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL: <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/2003/business/polproc/index.htm> or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 1 Assignments: (i) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (ii) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner. (iii) The Examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. Students may apply for an assignment extension either by application through DEC before the due date or by 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 Examiner. (iv) The Examiner will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media. (v) The Examiner will not accept submission of assignments by facsimile. (vi) Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the Examiner to negotiate such special arrangements. (vii) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.
- 2 Course Weightings: Course weightings of topics should not be interpreted as applying to the number of marks to questions testing those topics in an examination paper.
- 3 Make-up Work: Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.
- 4 Deferred Work: Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination); IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).