



## **POLS-230-POLITICAL IDEAS 3 CREDITS**

### **SYLLABUS**

#### **CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

A critical examination of ideas such as justice, democracy, freedom, citizenship, and others, through an exploration of political thought from ancient to contemporary times.

Prerequisites: None.

Semester Offered: Spring

#### ***Common Student Learning Outcomes***

*Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will demonstrate competency in...*

##### **BROAD AND SPECIALIZED LEARNING**

Students will actively and independently acquire, apply, and adapt skills and knowledge with an awareness of global contexts.

##### **CRITICAL THINKING**

Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions and solve problems.

##### **CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and ethically in diverse and complex environments.

##### **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**

Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity in multiple contexts.

##### **INFORMATION LITERACY**

Students will be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.

##### **INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES**

Students will demonstrate fluency in the application and use of technologies in multiple contexts.

*Student work from this class may be randomly selected and used anonymously for assessment of course, program, and/or institutional learning outcomes. For more information, please refer to the Dean of the appropriate School.*

#### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of political philosophies espoused by writers from various traditions.
- Demonstrate ability to critique, analyze, and synthesize the various philosophical readings.
- Demonstrate ability to theories presented in the writings, to political practices as experienced in everyday life.
- Demonstrate ability to link the theory and practice taught in class to one's own life experiences.
- Participate actively in class discussions.
- Communicate understanding of one's own views and the views of others, in oral and written format.
- Display ability to listen to, and respect, various points of view.
- Demonstrate sensitivity to a variety of cultural backgrounds and viewpoints, in class discussions and in written work.