

Course Code	Classics of Political Thought UNYP 77127
Level	Lower-level course in a Bachelor's degree program
Credits	3 semester credits / 6 ECTS
Pre-requisite(s)	None

Scheduled meetings	45 hours
Average preparation time	105 hours
Total student work time	150 hours

Description A survey of the major contributions to Western political thought. Classical theory from the pre-Socratic period to that of 21st Century. Concepts such as authority, legitimacy, law, justice, constitution, and public good are analyzed through the lenses of political thinkers from different periods and schools of thought.

Learning outcomes Upon successfully completing this course, the student will be able to:

- be familiar with the philosophy of the main thinkers of the Western civilization;
- be able to analyze the evolution in the Western political thought and relate and compare different historical periods;
- critique political pronouncements in terms of consistency;
- locate the historical traditions that ground political parties and movements;
- identify positions in political discourse.

Study literature Sabine, George H., and Thorson, Thomas, L. (1973). *A History of Political Theory*, Fourth Edition. Dryden Press.

Somerville, John, and Santoni, Ronald, B., eds. (1963). *Social and Political Philosophy Readings from Plato to Gandhi*. Anchor Books.

Additional readings available on UNYP E-Learn or in the UNYP Library.

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