

Last Revised: September 2019

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Title:** Contemporary Political Ideologies **Course Number:** POLI 103 **Credits:** 3

**Total Weeks:** 14 (Fall, Spring) **Total Hours:** 39  
12 (Summer)

**Course Level:**  First Year  Second Year  
 New  Revised Course  
 Replacement Course

**Department:** Social Sciences **Department Head:** A. McDougall **Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):** N/A

**Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE):** NONE

**Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE):** NONE

**Precluded Courses:** N/A

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The focus of this course will be on several topics in contemporary political theory, such as the nature of democracy, the role of ideology and the functions of the state. Students will be encouraged to think critically about the nature of political society and the ideological themes presented.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand their role in political debates
- Understand political concepts and theories
- Critically analyze the main contemporary political ideologies

**INSTRUCTION AND GRADING**

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other ( <i>specify</i> ):	
Total	39

**Grading System:** Letter Grades  Percentage  Pass/Fail  Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  Other

**Specify passing grade:** 50%

**Evaluation Activities and Weighting** (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: % <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i>	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10% <i>Specify nature of participation:</i>	Project: 30% <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Quizzes/Test: %	Midterm Exam: 30%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: % <i>Specify:</i>

**TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS**

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Political Ideologies and the Democratic Ideal by Terence Ball, Richard Dagger and Daniel I. O'Neill , 2016 (10th edition)

**COURSE TOPICS**

List topics and sequence covered.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Week 1	Introduction to Politics and Ideologies	
Week 2	Introduction to Democracy	1-2
Week 3	Liberalism	3
Week 4	Conservatism Socialism and Communism Part 1	4-5
Week 5	Socialism and Communism Part 2 Presentation of Group Projects	6
Week 6	Fascism	7
Week 7	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>	
Week 8	Liberation Ideologies Green Politics	8-9
Week 9	Sustainable Development Preparation of Group Projects	10
Week 10	Radical Islamism	11
Week 11	Presentation of Group Projects	
Week 12	Presentation of Group Projects	
Week 13	Summary	
Week 14	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	

**NOTES**

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)