

Effective Semester: Fall 2024

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title Contemporary Political Ideologies

Course Number: POLI 103

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

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 course introduces students to political philosophy and theory as tools to learn the ideological spectrum of anarchism, communism, liberalism, socialism, and fascism and apply critical thinking to modern ideologies such as liberation, environmentalism, and Islamic fundamentalism as it impacts the shaping of our daily lives and the global community.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Learn the importance of ideology in political change and how it impacts our societies.
- Critically analyze the functions of ideologies shaping our local, national and global relationships.
- Describe and evaluate the role of traditional and modern ideologies through debates and case study presentations.

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: %	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10% <i>Specify nature of participation:</i> Attendance, Recitation, In-class Assignments	Project: 10% <i>Specify nature of project:</i> News, Analyses and Case Study Presentation
Quizzes/Test: 20%	Midterm Exam: 30%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: %

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.
Specific article readings from academic journals will be provided to students.

Terence Ball, Richard Dagger and Daniel I. O'Neil, 2016 (11th ed.). Political Ideologies and the Democratic Ideal

Supplementary readings and other class materials are provided and posted by the instructor on MyCC.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topics	Readings
1	Introduction to Political Ideologies	Chapter 1
2	Introduction to Democracy	Chapter 2
3	Liberalism	Chapters 3
4	Conservatism	Chapters 4
5	Socialism and Communism	Chapters 5-6
6	Fascism	Chapters 7
7	Midterm Examination	
8	Liberation Ideology	Chapters 8-9
9	Environmentalism / Green Politics	Chapters 10
10	Islamic Fundamentalism	Chapter 11
11	Case Studies – Presentation	
12	Case Studies – Presentation	
13	Summary & Review	
14	Final Examination	

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

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