

**DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:**

**PO 3010 POLITICAL THEORY I: PLATO TO LOCKE**

**UK Level: 5**  
**UK CREDITS:15**  
**US CREDITS: 3/0/3**

(Updated Fall 2015)

<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	None.						
<b>CATALOG DESCRIPTION:</b>	Major political writings, systems, and ideas from Plato to Locke and the seventeenth century, including such topics as the nature of political community, government and law, sovereignty and power.						
<b>RATIONALE:</b>	This course is intended for the students who are interested in the works of the earliest political theorists						
<b>LEARNING OUTCOMES:</b>	As a result of taking this course, the student should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Analyze fundamental political ideas.</li> <li>2. Outline the historical background of fundamental political ideas.</li> <li>3. Evaluate these ideas and their application to contemporary society.</li> </ol>						
<b>METHOD OFTEACHING AND LEARNING:</b>	In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: Lectures and class discussions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Office hours: students are encouraged to make full use of the office hours of their lecturer, where they can address issues and ask questions pertinent to the course material.</li> <li>- Use of a blackboard site, where instructors post lecture notes, assignment instructions, timely announcements, as well as additional resources.</li> <li>- Use of library facilities: Students are encouraged to make use of the library facilities for further study as well as for preparation for the exams.</li> </ul>						
<b>ASSESSMENT:</b>	<p><b>Summative:</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Term Paper (2,000 to 3,000 words)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final examination (2-hour, comprehensive) -</td> <td style="text-align: center;">60%</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Formative:</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>An annotated bibliography in preparation for the research paper</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </table> <p>The term paper tests learning outcomes 1 to 3.</p> <p>The final examination tests learning outcomes 1 to 3.</p>	Term Paper (2,000 to 3,000 words)	40%	Final examination (2-hour, comprehensive) -	60%	An annotated bibliography in preparation for the research paper	0
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<b>INDICATIVE READING:</b>	<b>REQUIRED READING:</b> Leo Strauss & Joseph Cropsey, <i>History of Political Philosophy</i> , Rand Mc Nally, Chicago, 2001.						

	<p>George H. Sabine &amp; Thomas L. Thorson, <i>A History of Political Theory</i>, Harcourt Brace College Publishers, London, 1999.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED READING:</b>  Plato, <i>The Last Days of Socrates</i>, Penguin Classics, 2010.  Plato, <i>The Republic</i>, Penguin Classics, 2007.  Aristotle, <i>Politics</i>, Loeb Classical Library No. 264.  Niccolo Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i>, Penguin Classics, 2003.  Thomas Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i>, Oxford World Classics, 2009.  John Locke, <i>Two Treatises of Government</i>, London, 2010.</p>
<b>INDICATIVE MATERIAL:</b> (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)	<p><b>REQUIRED MATERIAL:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:</b> N/A</p>
<b>COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Verbal skills using academic / professional English.
<b>SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Word.
<b>WWW RESOURCES:</b>	<p><a href="http://www.imprint.co.uk/hpt.html">http://www.imprint.co.uk/hpt.html</a>  <a href="http://www.questia.com/PM.qst?a=o&amp;d=3542433">http://www.questia.com/PM.qst?a=o&amp;d=3542433</a>  <a href="http://everything2.com/title/History+of+Political+Philosophy">http://everything2.com/title/History+of+Political+Philosophy</a></p>
<b>INDICATIVE CONTENT:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hellenism and Roman Stoicism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Plato</li> <li>1.2. Aristotle</li> <li>1.3. Cicero</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Renaissance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1. Machiavelli: <i>The Prince</i> and <i>The Discourses</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. England in the Seventeenth Century <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1. Hobbes</li> <li>3.2. Locke</li> </ol> </li> </ol>