

**The University of Western Ontario
Department of Political Science**

**POLITICS 1020E 003: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE
FIRST TERM COURSE OUTLINE: SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2014**

Wednesday 7-9p, UCC 56
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Course Objectives: What You Will Learn in This Course

(1) In the first term, students will learn some of the most important ideas, arguments, theories, and ideologies produced in the history of political thought in the West, including power, democracy, justice, liberalism, conservatism, socialism, feminism, and environmentalism. In the second term, students will focus primarily on political institutions and the political processes associated with them. The topics to be covered include the following: the state, regime types: democracy and authoritarianism, political economy, political participation, political institutions, and multilevel politics.

(2) Students will develop the capacity to think about politics. In particular, they will acquire and strengthen their abilities to understand and analyze arguments in primary texts and to defend clear positions on potentially controversial political issues such as the obligation to obey the law, the nature of justice, the legitimacy of democracy, the nature of a free society, the status of the dominant ideologies of our time, the value of political participation, and the central political institutions in the modern world.

Students will achieve objective (1) by **attending lectures and tutorials regularly** and by **keeping up with the readings** in the required course texts. Students will achieve objective (2) by **writing argumentative essays, participating in tutorial discussions, and taking four tests throughout the year**. You will get valuable advice on **essay writing** by reading Professor Jones's document, 'How to Write an Essay', which you can find on the course OWL site. The discussions and writing assignments, along with your reading and lecture attendance, will provide the practice needed to succeed in the tests.

First Term Course Texts: What You Must Read

Jonathan Wolff, *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*, revised edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. (Abbreviated in this outline as 'Wolff, IPP'.)
Nigel Warburton, *Free Speech: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009. (**Note: Wolff, IPP and Warburton are sold together for a special price.**)
Terence Ball, Richard Dagger, and Daniel O'Neill, *Political Ideologies and the Democratic Ideal*, ninth edition, New York: Pearson, 2014.

Jonathan Wolff, *Ethics and Public Policy: A Philosophical Inquiry*, London and New York: Routledge, 2011.

First Term Course Requirements: How You Are Graded

The course consists of two lectures and one tutorial meeting per week. Your grade for the first term will be determined as described below. As you can see, your first term grade constitutes exactly half of your final course grade.

Tutorial Participation	5%
October 25th Test	15%
November 7th 2,000-Word Essay	15%
December Test	<u>15%</u>
	50%

Some Simple Rules Governing the Lectures

1. Given the large number of students, we need extra time for entering and settling into the classroom. Please try to arrive early.
2. If you must arrive late, please use the doors at the back of the room and take the first available seat.
3. **Please do not leave before the lecture is over:** shuffling along the aisles is very distracting. If you must leave early, choose an appropriate seat close to an exit.
4. We will take a short break around 7:50-8:00 p.m.
5. We ask that you **don't talk to your friends during the lecture.**

Participation in Lectures

Participation is an important part of learning, so we want to encourage you to ask us questions whenever you need some clarification or if you would like to make a point on the topic. We will try to take questions frequently, but we might not have time to deal with all of them. At the following lecture, we will do our best to answer the most frequently raised – or most interesting - questions.

Tutorials

Tutorials are small group meetings in which students discuss assigned topics in detail with the help of a tutorial assistant (TA). **The first tutorial meetings take place during the week of Monday September 15, 2014.** For a detailed discussion of the tutorial schedule, grading criteria for tutorials, and questions on the tutorial readings, see the *Politics 1020E Tutorials* document on the course OWL site.

The Politics 1020E 002 Course Website

To enter the course website, go to <owl.uwo.ca>. On this website you will find information about the class, links to other resources, additional readings, and more. **Please check this site regularly.**

Outline of First Term Lectures and Tutorials

Week 1 – September 10

Lecture 1: Introduction to the Course

Lecture 2: Politics, Power, and Authority

Required Reading: Wolff, *Introduction to Political Philosophy*, Introduction, pp.1-5

No tutorials this week

Week 2 – September 17

Lecture 3: The State of Nature: Hobbes

Required Reading: Wolff, *IPP*, Chapter 1, pp. 6-17

Lecture 4: The State of Nature: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Anarchism

Required Reading: Wolff, *IPP*, Chapter 1, pp. 17-33 & Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, pp. 14-15

Tutorial 1: What is Free Speech?

Required Reading: Nigel Warburton, *Free Speech: A Very Short Introduction*, pp. 1-41

Week 3 – September 24

Lecture 5: Justifying the State: The State, Political Obligation & the Social Contract

Required Reading: Wolff, *IPP*, Chapter 2, pp. 34-48

Lecture 6: Justifying the State: Utilitarianism, the Principle of Fairness

Required Reading: Wolff, *IPP*, Chapter 2, pp. 48-61

Tutorial 2: Offense and Censorship

Required Reading: Warburton, *Free Speech: A Very Short Introduction*, 42-80

Week 4 – October 1

Lecture 7: (1) What Democracy Is (2) Plato Against Democracy

Required Reading: Wolff, *IPP*, Chapter 3, pp. 62-77 & Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Ch. 2, pp. 17-28

Lecture 8: Why Democracy? Intrinsic and Instrumental Reasons

Required Reading: Wolff, *IPP*, Ch. 3, pp. 77-103 and Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Ch. 2, pp. 28-41

Tutorial 3: Free Speech and the Internet

Required Reading: Warburton, *Free Speech: A Very Short Introduction*, 81-104

Week 5 – October 8

Lecture 9: The Place of Liberty: The Liberty Principle, Freedom of Thought and Discussion, Harm to Others

Required Reading: Wolff, *IPP*, Chapter 4, pp. 104-114

Lecture 10: The Place of Liberty: Justifying the Liberty Principle, Problems with Liberalism, Citizenship & Multiculturalism

Required Reading: Wolff, *IPP*, Chapter 4, pp. 114-32

Tutorial 4: How to Write an Essay

Required Reading: Charles Jones, 'How to Write an Essay', on Politics 1020E OWL site

Week 6 – October 15

Lecture 11: The Distribution of Property: Liberty, Inequality, and Locke on Property

Required reading: Wolff, *IPP*, Chapter 5, pp. 133-43

Lecture 12: The Distribution of Property: The Market, Rawls on Justice

Required reading: Wolff, IPP, Chapter 5, pp. 143-68, Wolff, *Ethics and Public Policy*, Ch. 8, pp. 170-190

Tutorial 5: Ethics and Public Policy; Scientific Experiments on Animals

Required Reading: Jonathan Wolff, *Ethics and Public Policy*, 1-36

Week 7 – October 22

Lecture 13: The Distribution of Property: Rawls and his Critics

Required reading: Wolff, IPP, Chapter 5, 168-76

Lecture 14: Ideology and Ideologies

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 1, pp. 1-16

Tutorial 6: Gambling

Required Reading: Wolff, *Ethics and Public Policy*, 37-60

NOTE: Mid-Term Test is on Saturday October 25, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Week 8 – October 29

Lecture 15: Liberalism 1: Origins, Revolution, Capitalism

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 3, pp. 44-65

Lecture 16: Liberalism 2: 19th Century, Neo-Classical vs. Welfare Liberalism, 20th Century

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Ch. 3, pp. 65-93 and Wolff, *IPP*, Ch. 6, pp. 177-182

Tutorial 7: Drugs

Required Reading: Wolff, *Ethics and Public Policy*, 61-82

Fall Study Break: October 30 and October 31, 2014

Week 9 – November 5

Lecture 17: Conservatism 1

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 4, pp. 99-108

Lecture 18: Conservatism 2

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 4, pp. 108-129

Tutorial 8: Safety

Required Reading: Wolff, *Ethics and Public Policy*, 83-108

NOTE: Essays are Due on Friday, November 7, 2014

Week 10 – November 12

Lecture 19: Socialism 1: Origins, Marx

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 5, pp. 133-154

Lecture 20: Socialism 2: Non-Marxist Socialism, Socialism Today

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 6, pp. 157-194

Tutorial 9: Crime and Punishment

Required Reading: Wolff, *Ethics and Public Policy*, 109-127

Week 11 – November 19

Lecture 21: Fascism

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 7, pp. 199-227

Lecture 22: Liberation Ideologies 1: Feminism

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Ch. 8, pp. 232-234 and 240-247, & Wolff, Ch. 6, pp. 182-199

Tutorial 10: Health

Required Reading: Wolff, *Ethics and Public Policy*, 128-145

Week 12 – November 26

Lecture 23: Liberation Ideologies 2

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 8, pp. 234-240 and 248-267

Lecture 24: Green Ideology

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 9, pp. 276-293

Tutorial 11: Disability

Required Reading: Wolff, *Ethics and Public Policy*, 146-169

Week 13 – December 3

Lecture 25: Islam and Radical Islamism & The Future of Ideology

Required reading: Ball, Dagger, and O'Neill, Chapter 10, pp. 298-314; & Chapter 11, pp. 318-331

Some Important First Term Dates

September 12: Last day to add a full course or first term half course

October 13: Thanksgiving holiday

October 30-October 31: Fall Study Break

November 30: Last day to drop a full course without academic penalty

December 3: Classes end

December 6-17: Examination period

Important Information About The Course

Necessary conditions for passing this course: (1) Write all four tests, and (2) Submit both essays. If you do not meet these conditions you will receive a failing grade for the course.

For more information about the course, including tests and essays, **check the *FAQ* Section of the *Politics 1020E* OWL site. Check the *Politics 1020E* OWL site regularly.** This is the only way to ensure that you are up to date. Go to owl.uwo.ca and log in using your uwo username and password.

Prerequisites and Anti-Requisites:

Prerequisites: none

Antirequisites: the former Politics 020E and 021F-026G

“Please Note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as a basis for an appeal. If you are found to be ineligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. This decision cannot be appealed. If you find that you do not have the course prerequisites, it is in your best interest to drop the course well before the end of the add/drop period. Your prompt attention to this matter will not only help protect your academic record, but will ensure that spaces become available for students who require the course in question for graduation.” – *Office of the Dean, Faculty of Social Science*

Always use your UWO email account for sending and receiving information about this course.

**APPENDIX TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINES
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Prerequisite checking - the student's responsibility

"Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites."

Essay course requirements

With the exception of 1000-level courses, most courses in the Department of Political Science are essay courses. Total written assignments (excluding examinations) will be at least 3,000 words in Politics 1020E, at least 5,000 words in a full course numbered 2000 or above, and at least 2,500 words in a half course numbered 2000 or above.

Use of Personal Response Systems ("Clickers")

"Personal Response Systems ("clickers") may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning.

Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

- the use of somebody else's clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence,
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence."

Security and Confidentiality of Student Work (refer to current *Western Academic Calendar* (<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/>))

"**Submitting or Returning Student Assignments, Tests and Exams** - All student assignments, tests and exams will be handled in a secure and confidential manner. Particularly in this respect, leaving student work unattended in public areas for pickup is not permitted."

Duplication of work

Undergraduate students who submit similar assignments on closely related topics in two different courses must obtain the consent of both instructors prior to the submission of the assignment. If prior approval is not obtained, each instructor reserves the right not to accept the assignment.

Grade adjustments

In order to ensure that comparable standards are applied in political science courses, the Department may require instructors to adjust final marks to conform to Departmental guidelines.

Academic Offences

"Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf>."

Submission of Course Requirements

ESSAYS, ASSIGNMENTS, TAKE-HOME EXAMS **MUST** BE SUBMITTED ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES SPECIFIED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR (I.E., IN CLASS, DURING OFFICE HOURS, TA'S OFFICE HOURS) OR UNDER THE INSTRUCTOR'S OFFICE DOOR.

THE MAIN OFFICE DOES NOT DATE-STAMP OR ACCEPT ANY OF THE ABOVE.

Note: Information excerpted and quoted above are Senate regulations from the Handbook of Scholarship and Academic Policy. <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/>

Students registered in Social Science should refer to <http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/> <http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/havingproblems.asp> for information on Medical Policy, Term Tests, Final Examinations, Late Assignments, Short Absences, Extended Absences, Documentation and other Academic Concerns. Non-Social Science students should refer to their home faculty's academic counselling office.

Plagiarism

"Plagiarism: Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence." (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

Plagiarism Checking: "All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>)."

Multiple-choice tests/exams: "Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating."

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In writing scholarly papers, you must keep firmly in mind the need to avoid plagiarism. Plagiarism is the unacknowledged borrowing of another writer's words or ideas. Different forms of writing require different types of acknowledgement. The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of publication, and page number.

Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writers' ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method of acknowledgement given in 'A' above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source, these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently. Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.

In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases in their suspension from the University.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western

<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.