

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: PSCI-356 Political Theory

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
PSCI-356	Political Theory	1.5
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

Course Description

- Theory formation
- Marxism/Karl Marx
- Capitalism/Adam Smith
- Individualism/Thomas Hobbs
- Max Weber
- John Locke
- Ibn Khaldun
- Aristotle
- Emile Durkheim
- Alfred Schutz
- Review

Instructor

Farid Mirbagheri PhD

Course Aims and Objectives

This course aims to provide frameworks of analyses for the affairs of communities throughout history. In attempting to do so it will focus on notable contributors in the field and elaborate on similarities and differences between them. The course aims to highlight the changing quality of man and its unsuitability for scientific theorisation.

Teaching Methods

Lectures, discussions, assigned readings, projects, presentations

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Presentation	(20%)
Project	(25%)
Mid-term exam	(25%)
Final Exam	(30%)

Readings and Resources

Required Textbooks

Tom Campbell, *Seven Theories of Human Society*, Oxford University Press (1981).
J. S. McClelland, *A History of Western Political Thought*, Routledge (1986).