

COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL IDEAS

Country

Australia

Host Institution

University of Melbourne

Program(s)

University of Melbourne

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

17

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL IDEAS

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLITICAL IDEAS

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines some of the most important concepts and ideas in political thinking, with particular attention to the major traditions of Western political thought from Machiavelli to 20th century political theory. Emphasis will be on such core concepts as sovereignty, power, liberty, democracy and equality, and how these concepts have framed political debates within the Western tradition. While some of the focus will be on the original form and contestation of these ideas in their historical context, there will be a strong emphasis on how these initial debates led into more recent, 20th century political thinking and problems. Attention will also be paid to how these concepts have been taken up in ideological formations, which include (but are not necessarily limited to) liberalism, Marxism, and conservatism.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POLS10003

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Host Institution Campus

Melbourne

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Political Science

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