

# 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

## Host Institution Course Title

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL IDEAS

## Host Institution Course Details

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## Host Institution Campus

Melbourne

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Political Science

## Course Last Reviewed

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