

# COURSE DETAIL

## INDIVIDUALS AND THE STATE: THE IDEA OF FREEDOM IN THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT

**Country**

Ireland

**Host Institution**

University College Dublin

**Program(s)**

University College Dublin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

111

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

INDIVIDUALS & STATE

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

**Course Description**

The key question of this course is how freedom is compatible with the authority of the state. During the course, students look at some classical responses to this question as well as to the related questions of how to organize statehood in a way that balances concerns for liberty, equality, and community. In exploring the theoretical foundations of today's debates on these issues, students initially focus on a selection of historical thinkers from the pre-Enlightenment period onwards, later bringing the debate more up to date with scholarship by more modern thinkers.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

POL20010

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**Host Institution Campus**

Dublin

**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

Politics and International Relations

**Course Last Reviewed**

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