

COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

151

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course asks whether the welfare state is justified, how extensive it should be, and what level of inequality and/or poverty is acceptable in a just society. Thus, the course examines the main theories of distributive or social justice in contemporary analytical political philosophy. Distributive justice is about the fair distribution of burdens and benefits in a society and some of the main approaches to this issue that we look at include liberal egalitarianism, libertarianism (left and right), luck egalitarianism, and relational egalitarianism and republicanism. The course also looks at some of the critiques, alternative approaches and applications of these theories, to areas like health and education.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PIU33173

Host Institution Course Title

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/philosophy/pdfs/PIU33173-Political-Philosophy-5-EC...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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