

# COURSE DETAIL

## POLITICAL THEORY

**Country**

South Africa

**Host Institution**

University of Cape Town

**Program(s)**

University of Cape Town

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science

**UCEAP Course Number**

108

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

POLITICAL THEORY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

POLITICAL THEORY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

7.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.70

## Course Description

The course examines the social theories of modernity or the role of the post-Enlightenment Scientific Revolution in the formation of the theory of the subject. Against this backdrop, examine how Descartes goes about establishing the existence of the subject and then examine some of the POLITICAL STUDIES 373 different forms assumed by the new subject (including colonial, democratic, fascist, and totalitarian forms). When it comes to colonial modernity, consider the effects of the modern episteme in the history of colonialism and the modes of resistance assumed by the anti-colonial subject and the 'post'-colonial subject. DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalized according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course. Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%. Course entry requirements: POL1004F and POL1005S or with special permission from the Head of Department.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

POL2002S,POL2002F

### Host Institution Course Title

POLITICAL THEORY

### Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.uct.ac.za/sites/default/files/media/documents/2026-hum-handbook-9a-...>

### Host Institution Campus

University of Cape Town

**Host Institution Faculty**

Humanities

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

Political Studies

**Course Last Reviewed**

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