

Course Description Form

1. Course Name:.	
Contemporary Western Political Thought	
2. Course Code:	
430 CWPT	
3. Semester / Year:	
Annual System 2024/2025.	
4. Description Preparation Date:	
12-9-2024	
5. Available Attendance Forms:	
in presence+ virtual.	
6. Number of Credit Hours (Total):	
60 hours / Total credit units: 3 hours per week	
7. Course administrator's name (mention all, if more than one name)	
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8. Course Objectives	
Course Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable students to understand and interpret the philosophical and political foundations of prominent modern Western political theories. Study the historical transformations in political thought from the Renaissance to the present and understand their impact on contemporary political systems. Train students to compare various political theories, such as liberalism, Marxism, and socialism, and assess their influence on contemporary political realities. Enhance students' ability to analyze political texts and evaluate different intellectual arguments, enabling them to form independent perspectives on current political issues. Help students understand how Western political theories are applied in modern political systems and conduct comparisons between different governance models.
9. Teaching and Learning Strategies	
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorming Strategy: Pose open-ended questions on contemporary intellectual issues, such as <i>"What is the impact of liberalism on modern political systems?"</i>, allowing students to think freely and express their opinions. Debate and Discussion Strategy: Divide students into groups, each representing a specific ideological current (e.g., liberalism vs. Marxism), and conduct intellectual debates to enhance critical thinking. Case Study Strategy: Analyze real-world examples of how Western political theories influence modern states, such as comparing democratic and authoritarian systems in light of political thought.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Lecture Strategy: Deliver lectures in an engaging manner by incorporating open-ended questions, instant polls, and real-world applications of theoretical concepts. • Project-Based Learning Strategy: Assign students short research papers or analytical projects on prominent political thinkers like John Locke or Karl Marx, presenting their findings in class. • Critical Reading and Text Analysis Strategy: Study excerpts from original philosophical texts, such as the writings of John Stuart Mill or Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and critically analyze them in contemporary contexts. • Multimedia Strategy: Use documentaries or video clips on Western intellectual developments, followed by group discussions linking the content to current political issues. • Political Problem-Solving Strategy: Present students with hypothetical political scenarios or complex intellectual dilemmas, encouraging them to propose solutions based on the political theories they study. • Cooperative Learning Strategy: Organize students into small groups to discuss intellectual topics or prepare presentations on different political schools of thought, fostering engagement and collaboration.
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10. Course Structure

Week	Hours	Required Learning Outcomes	Unit or subject name	Learning method	Evaluation method
1	3	The student understands the purpose of studying Western thought	A general introduction to contemporary Western thought.	Lecture and Discussion	Daily Test
2	3	The student understands the purpose of studying Western thought	Modern Cultural and Philosophical Influences in Western Societies	Brainstorming	Analytical Questions
3	3	3. The student understands the purpose of studying Western thought	The Development of Western Thought from Ancient Times to the Modern Era	Interactive Lecture	Comparative Reasoning Tests
4	3	The student understands the purpose of studying Western thought	Analysis of Major Intellectual Trends and Concepts in Contemporary Western Philosophy	Multimedia	Deduction and Induction
5	3	The student is introduced to the development of	Western Liberal Political Thought	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Pop-Up Exam

		liberal thought and its types			
6	3	The student is introduced to the development of liberal thought and its types	The Development of Western Liberal Thought	Collaborative and Collaborative Learning	Write a Prompt Paper
7	3	The student is introduced to the development of liberal thought and its types	Traditional Liberalism	Lecture and Discussion	Suggest Titles
8	3	The student is introduced to the development of liberal thought and its types	Radical Liberalism	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Scheduled Exam
9	3	9. The student is introduced to the development of liberal thought and its types	Existential Liberalism	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Role Swap
10	3	The student is introduced to the connection between intellectual developments and their impact on Western politics	Pragmatism	Lecture and Discussion	Daily Test
11	3	The student is introduced to the connection between intellectual developments and their impact on Western politics	General Elitism	Lecture and Discussion	Analytical Questions
12	3	The student is introduced to the connection between intellectual developments and their impact on Western politics	Technobureaucracy	Brainstorming	Comparative Reasoning Tests

13	3	The student is introduced to the connection between intellectual developments and their impact on Western politics	Elite Theories	Interactive Lecture	Deduction and Induction
14	3	The student is introduced to the connection between intellectual developments and their impact on Western politics	Theories of Bureaucracy	Multimedia	Pop-Up Exam
15	3	The student is able to analyze and compare ideas	Criticism of Liberal Thought	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Write a Prompt Paper
16	3	16. The student is able to analyze ideas and compare them	A Critical Analysis of the Basic Concepts in Liberal Thought	Brainstorming	Suggest Titles
17	3	The student will be able to analyze and compare ideas	The Economic, Social, and Political Transformations Behind the Emergence of Liberal Thought	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Scheduled Exam
18	3	The student will be able to analyze and compare ideas	Transformations in Liberal Thought: Between Individual Freedom and Social Responsibility	Brainstorming	Role Swap
19	3	19. The student will be able to analyze and compare ideas	Internal Contradictions in Liberal Thought	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Daily Test
20	3	The student will be familiar with the developments in Marxist thought after the collapse of communist regimes	Neo-Marxism	Lecture and Discussion	Analytical Questions

21	3	The student will be familiar with the developments in Marxist thought after the collapse of communist regimes	Leftism and the European Left	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Comparative Reasoning Tests
22	3	The student will be familiar with the developments in Marxist thought after the collapse of communist regimes	The Development of Leftist Thought in Europe: From its Origins to Modern Transformations	Collaborative and Collaborative Learning	Deduction and Induction
23	3	23. The student will be familiar with the developments in Marxist thought after the collapse of communist regimes	A Critical Analysis of the Basic Concepts in European Leftism	Lecture and Discussion	Pop-Up Exam
24	3	The student will be familiar with the developments in Marxist thought after the collapse of communist regimes	The European Left and Political Identity	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Write a Prompt Paper
25	3	25. The student will be able to critique thought based on the content of the course material taught to them	Criticism of Marxist Thought: An Analysis of Classic Marxism, Its Established Concepts, and the Extent of Its Departure from Western Marxism and Its Future	Lecture and Divide the students into two groups, each group critiquing the other's thought (liberal, Marxist.(Papers Submitted for Criticism
26	3	The student will be able to identify contemporary intellectual output and the extent to	Theories of Globalization, the Clash of Civilizations, and the End of History	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Daily Test

		which it has been influenced by previous ideas			
27	3	27. The student will be able to form a coherent picture of contemporary feminist political philosophy	New Trends in Western Political Thought: Feminist Theory	Collaborative and Collaborative Learning	Analytical Questions
28	3	The student will be equipped with the skills of environmental moral criticism and recognize the dangers that threaten humanity as a whole	New Trends in Western Political Thought: Ecological Theory	Critical Reading and Text Analysis	Comparative Reasoning Tests
29	3	The student will be familiar with the intellectual principles governing the concept of transcending citizenship The Nation-State	New Trends in Western Political Thought: Global Justice and Global Citizenship	Lecture and Discussion	Deduction and Induction
30	3	Familiarize the student with the principles of analyzing the structure of social oppression evident in modern AI-based surveillance systems.	New Trends in Western Political Thought: The Surveillance State and Artificial Intelligence	Lecture and Discussion	Pop-Up Exam

11. Course Evaluation

The total grade is distributed out of 100 based on the tasks and duties assigned to the student, with attention paid to cumulative effort, such as daily preparation, daily and surprise non-traditional exams, monthly and written exams, papers, reports, case studies, and critical texts. Attention should be paid to individual differences between the various achievement and testing paths. The percentage of the grade for the above-mentioned efforts should not exceed 40% of the total grade, with the annual written final exam grade fixed at 60%.

12. Learning and Teaching Resources

Required textbooks (curricular books, if any)	Contemporary Western Political Thought, Vol. 2, Ali Abbas Murad and others, Baghdad University Press (a textbook).
Main references (sources)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Ellen Meiksnes Wood, Citizens and Masters: A Social History of Western Political Thought, translated by Muhammad Fathi Khedr, National Center for Translation, 2020. 11. Antoine Roger, Olivier Nay, and Johann Michel, Dictionary of Political Thought: Ideas, Doctrines, and Philosophers, translated by Lutfi Al-Sayyid Mansour, Dar Al-Rafidain, 2020. 12. Jacqueline Ross, The Adventure of European Thought: The Story of Western Ideas, translated by Amal Dibo, Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage, Kalima Translation Project, 2011. 13. Jean Touchard, History of Political Thought, International House for Printing, Publishing, and Distribution, 1983. 14. Abbas Ali Omeid Al-Zanjani, Foundations of Islamic Political Thought, translated by Alaa Al-Ridai, Art Directed by Muhammad Saleh, Dar Al-Hadara Al-Islamiyya, 2023. 15. Abdul Khaliq Abdullah, The Tale of Politics, University Foundation for Studies and Publishing, 2006. 16. Abdul Aziz Al-Amari, On Arab-Islamic Political Thought, Jadawel for Publishing, Translation, and Distribution, 2015. 17. Leo Strauss Joseph Cropsey, A History of Political Philosophy, translated by Mahmoud Sayed Ahmed, reviewed and introduced by Imam Abdel Fattah Imam, Supreme Council of Culture, 2005. 18. Muhammad al-Masbakawi, The Journey of the Western Mind from Dualism to Pluralism, Dar Vers, 2020. 19. Muhammad Atwan, Images of the Other in Contemporary Arab Political Thought, Dar al-Rafidain for Printing, Publishing, and Distribution, 2017.
Recommended books and references (scientific journals, reports...)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Politics Journal, published by the Al-Ahram Center for Strategic Studies, Cairo. 2. Al-Istighrab Journal, Islamic Center for Strategic Studies, Beirut. 3. Law and Political Science Journals in Political Science Faculties.
Electronic References,	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

Websites	2. The Digital Encyclopedia Britannica of Political Thought. 3. Cambridge University Press – Political Theory 4. Brookings Institution.
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