

Histoire de la pensée politique I

Lecturer

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Course mnemonic

POLI-D102

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

French

Course period

Second term

Campus

Solbosch

Course content

Methodological principles of the history of political thought: concepts and problems. Historical background: ancient democracy and ancient jusnaturalism (Plato, Aristotle); medieval idea of "divine right"; modern idea of the state, from Machiavelli and Bodin to Montesquieu; theories of the social contract, from Hobbes to Rousseau.

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

The student should be able to master the meaning of some major political concepts (political regime, democracy, sovereignty, secularisation...) captured in the history of their transformations and their theoretical elaborations and uses. He/she should be able to reconstruct the main theses of the major doctrines studied in class.

Teaching method and learning activities

Lectures accompanied by compulsory readings

References, bibliography and recommended reading

Compulsory reading (available on the UV website) :

Benjamin Constant, *De la liberté des Anciens comparée à celle des Modernes*.

Recommended readings :

Léo Strauss, *Droit naturel et histoire*.

Pierre Manent, *Histoire intellectuelle du libéralisme*.

Course notes

Syllabus and Université virtuelle

Other information

Place(s) of teaching

Solbosch

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Evaluation method(s)

Other

Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

Written examination in the form of a questionnaire.

Main language(s) of evaluation

French

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

BA-HHIST | Bachelor in History | unit 2 and unit 3, BA-POLI | Bachelor in Political Sciences : General | unit 1, BA-PPHIL | Bachelor in Philosophy | unit 1 and BA-SHUM | Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences | option Bruxelles/unit 2