

	<p><i>School of Arts & Science</i> SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT</p> <p>PSC 210 – section 01 Political Thought 2011 - Fall</p>
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COURSE OUTLINE

1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Ross Lambertson	
(b)	Office Hours:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 3:00-3:50; and by appointment	
(c)	Location:	Paul Building, room 226A	
(d)	Phone:	250-370-3373	Alternative Phone: (home) – 250-384-3390
(e)	Email:	lamberts@camosun.bc.ca (I will not usually be accessing this from late Thursday afternoon until Monday.)	
(f)	Website:	http://lambertson.wordpress.com/	

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to describe, explain, and critically assess:

1. The nature and functions of ideologies.
2. The history, concepts, and theorists of several ideologies: democracy, liberalism, conservatism, socialism (including social democracy, communism, and anarchism), nationalism, feminism, populism, ecologism, and fascism.
3. A range of short readings which reflect the ideas of a number of major political thinkers, including Machiavelli, Locke, Burke, Wollstonecraft, Marx, and Mill.

3. Required Materials

(a) **Text:** Terence Ball, et alia, *Political Ideologies and the Democratic Ideal*, 2nd Canadian edition (for sale in the college bookstore, and on reserve in the college library).

(b) **Reader:** “Political Thought - Readings - 2011” (for sale in the college bookstore). Some of the mandatory readings, but not all, are the same readings used last year; all of the optional readings are new.

4. Course Content and Schedule

Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday – 4:00-5:20 – Young 211.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) **Assignments** – one term paper, worth 40% of the final grade; this paper can be rewritten and resubmitted after your instructor has graded it. The higher of the two grades will be official.

(b) **Quizzes** – three multiple choice tests, each worth 20%, for a total of 60%.

(c) **Exams** – none during examination week.

(d) **Class participation** – an extra 2% (only for students who contribute in a very positive way to the lectures (asking questions, constructively debating with the teacher). Any student who is too shy to speak out can still in theory achieve a perfect grade.

6. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a “D” grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at camosun.ca for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

7. **Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course**

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at camosun.ca.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.