



CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

COURSE OUTLINE		
TERM: Fall 2020	COURSE NO: POL 111	
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE TITLE: Contemporary Ideologies	
OFFICE: LOCAL: E-MAIL: @capilanou.ca	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3.0
OFFICE HOURS:		
COURSE WEBSITE:		

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COURSE FORMAT

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES

None

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Why do we often disagree with our leaders? Do you sometimes wonder if your ideas make more sense than the Prime Minister's? Students will find answers to these questions in 'Contemporary Ideologies' by studying various ideologies such as liberalism, conservatism, socialism, anarchism, fascism, religious fundamentalism, feminism and environmentalism. This course emphasizes practical skills such as group discussion, presentations, and research/writing skills, which will help students develop their critical thinking and excel in their careers/ life.

COURSE NOTE

POL 111 is an approved Self and Society course for Cap Core requirements.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES

Terence Ball, Richard Dagger, William Christian, Colin Campbell. *Political Ideologies and the Democratic Ideal*. Canadian Edition No.3. Toronto: Pearson, 2013.

Michael J. Sandel. *Justice: What's the Right Thing to do?* New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2009.

All additional readings can be found on the course eLearn site.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the development of, and the core ideas contained within, contemporary ideologies;
- By means of employing ideological categories, demonstrate an ability to critically analyze in both verbal and written form, the assumptions they hold about society and its political objectives;
- Identify and understand the role played by a number of the major political theorists in contributing to systems of ideological thought;
- Recognize the presence of ideological beliefs within contemporary political systems and use those beliefs to test the degree to which their own society is committed to the political ideal of justice.

Students who complete this Self and Society course will be able to do the following:

- Identify potential root causes of local/global problems and how they affect local/global cultures, economies, politics, and policies;
- Assess and evaluate individual and collective responsibilities within a diverse and interconnected global society;
- Apply concepts of sustainable development to address sustainability challenges in a global context;
- Synthesize a range of differing community perspectives on ethics and justice and explain how these perspectives can inform structural change;
- Explain how contexts (e.g. cultural, historical, colonial, economic, technological) shape identity formation and social structures.

COURSE CONTENT

1. Introduction to the Course: The Nature of Ideology
2. Justice and the Democratic Ideal
3. Liberalism: Origins and Contemporary Variants
4. Conservatism: Yesterday and Today
5. Socialism, Communism, and Anarchism
6. Socialism and Communism after Marx
7. Mid-term Exam
8. Nationalism: Love of Country
9. Fascism: The Politics of Extremism
10. Religious Fundamentalism: Islam and Others
11. Environmentalism: Can We Save the Planet?
12. Feminism and Intersectionality: The Politics of Identity
13. Ideology and the Just Society
14. / 15. Final Exam Period

EVALUATION PROFILE

Participation	10%
Journal X 2	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Paper	25%
Final Exam	<u>25%</u>
	100%

Participation:

Students are expected to attend classes, be on time, and to complete the readings. Participation grades will be based on punctuality, attendance, demonstration of knowledge of assigned readings, active and positive engagement in class discussions, and ability to raise critical questions and relevant, insightful and clear ideas in class.

GRADING PROFILE

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

Incomplete Grades

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

Late Assignments

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date listed. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, please consult with your instructor beforehand. There may be penalties for late submission of assignments.

Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.

Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed activities may not be able to be accommodated. Please consult with your instructor.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities.

English Usage

Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

Electronic Devices

Students may use electronic devices during class for note-taking only.

On-line Communication

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or eLearn; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS

Tools for Success

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-life/>

Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)

Policy Statement (S2009-06)

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Academic Integrity (S2017-05)

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information: <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

Academic dishonesty is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

Cheating: Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Fraud: Creation or use of falsified documents.

Misuse or misrepresentation of sources: Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

Plagiarism: Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

Self-Plagiarism: Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

Prohibited Conduct: The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Procedure (found on Policy page <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>)

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.