POLI 1050: Ideas, Politics and People
Mondays & Wednesdays 15:35-16:55

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DESCRIPTION
Ideology is one of the most contested terms in political science. From the various historical meanings attributed to it, others have decided to proclaim its very anarchonic death. In other words, ideologies are no longer seen as playing a role in politics. It seems clear, however, that from the various contemporary ideological manifestations, such as environmentalism, feminist groups, etc. ideology has continued to maintain its value as a phenomenon to be studied. This course, then examines number of classical and contemporary ideologies in order to give a final verdict to the contemporary importance of ideology.

OBJECTIVES
- To introduce the origin and key conceptual elements of classical and contemporary political ideologies.
- To analyze the similarities and differences between political ideologies and how they have evolved over the years.
- To examine how ideologies have perpetuated through political and civil societies, and have influenced decisions and collective actions.
- To equip students with knowledge and analytical skills for further and more specialized study in the sub-field of political ideas and ideology.

TEXTBOOK

H.B. McCullough & Wolfang Depner, Reading in Political Ideologies (Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford Press, 2013). Reserve Room at Killam Memorial Library

IN-CLASS ETIQUETTE RULES
The following are prohibited in the classroom:
- Speaking or text messaging on the phone (you are required to turn off your cell phone while in class)
- The use laptop is restricted during the time of lecture
- Listening to music
- Reading unless requested by the professor
- Eating food or drinking hot beverages
- Frequent entering and exiting the classroom
- Chatting with friends and other distracting behavior

Please be sure to follow these rules. You will be asked to leave otherwise and may receive ‘F’ as final letter grade for the course.

**Deadline to Withdraw**
Last day to withdraw without the appearance of a ‘W’ on the transcript is October 7.
Last day to withdraw with a ‘W’ is November 4.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

*Participation: 10%*
Participation is important in this course. Attendance is taken five times, *randomly*, each worth 2%. In order to receive the full 10% of the participation mark, students need to be in class and sign the attendance sheet.

*Reading Review I (October 9): 15%*
*Reading Review II: (November 6) 15%*
You need to write two reading reviews. In the review, you should demonstrate you have done the readings by discussing the main themes of the chosen chapter. It can be any chapter of the main textbook or extra-readings.

*Essay (October 16): 30%:*
*Essay II (November 27): 30%:*
To write a paper is an important practice for academic life. Students are required two fully written eight-page papers (excluding front cover, endnotes and cited works). The paper should be typed, double-spaced, on a Times News Roman font of 12cpi with page numbers. It should be based on a case study that represents an example of any of the political ideologies discussed in this course. *Irrelevant topics are not accepted and automatically lead to an ‘F’ for the assignment.*

This assignment requires time in the library and the proper use of citations throughout the text. A separate essay guide will be circulated in class. *The assignment requires a minimum of four sources not drawn from lectures notes or textbook.* Paper with less the required amount of sources will receive an ‘F’ for the assignment.

The student is responsible to keep an extra copy of his paper, in case the professor requests it. *Failure to provide an extra copy of the paper on request will lead to an ‘F’ as a mark for the assignment.*

*Plagiarism* is both morally and legally a form of fraud. Essays must be solely a product of the student’s own work. Quoting or paraphrasing the work or ideas of others without
proper acknowledgment is a serious offence in academia, and it can lead to drastic consequences.

Late Policy
Essays are due at the beginning of the class. By arriving after the first fifteen minutes of the class, the paper is considered late of one day. Extension of deadline is granted only due to illness, and must be followed by appropriate documents. Late papers will be penalized 5% per day, for a maximum of three days. After three days, the paper automatically receives ‘F’ as grade for the assignment.

COURSE PROGRAM
September 9: Introduction

We start with an exposition and thorough explanation and expectations of the course and its assignments.

September 11: On the Nature and Study of Political Ideas

September 16 & 18: Classical Liberalism

September 23 & 25: Conservatism

September 30 & October 2: Reform Liberalism

October 7 & 9: Marxism
October 14: Thanksgiving Day (University Closed)

October 16: Democratic Socialism
H.B. McCullough, Political Ideologies, chapter 6.
H.B. McCullough & Wolfang Depner, Reading in Political Ideologies, chapter 24, 26 and 27.
Ronaldo Munck, Marx @ 2000: Late Marxists perspectives (London: Macmillan, 2000).

October 21 & 23: Fascism and National Socialism
H.B. McCullough, Political Ideologies, chapter 7.
H.B. McCullough & Wolfang Depner, Reading in Political Ideologies, chapter 28 & 31.

October 28 & 30: Anarchism
H.B. McCullough, Political Ideologies, chapter 9.

November 4 & 6 Feminism
H.B. McCullough, Political Ideologies, chapter 11.
H.B. McCullough & Wolfang Depner, Reading in Political Ideologies, chapter 46, 47 and 48.

November 11: Remembrance Day (University Closed)

November 13, 18 & 20: Neo-liberalism & Globalization
H.B. McCullough, Political Ideologies, chapter 10
H.B. McCullough & Wolfang Depner, Reading in Political Ideologies, chapter 41, 42 and 43.

November 25 & 27: Environmentalism
H.B. McCullough, Political Ideologies, chapter 12.
H.B. McCullough & Wolfang Depner, Reading in Political Ideologies, chapter 51, 52, 54.

December 2: Conclusion: Political Ideas today!